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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GTE Telephone Operating Companies
CC Docket No. 98-79
Direct Case of September 8, 1998, Clarification

Dear Ms. Salas:

GTE Service Corporation and its affiliated domestic telephone operating companies (collectively, "GTE"),¹ hereby files this clarification in the above-referenced matter. It has recently come to GTE's attention that Exhibit B in its September 8, 1998 Direct Case submission was not described in a way that is completely clear. In order to avoid any potential confusion, GTE files this revised Exhibit B.

GTE's Direct Case footnote 34 represented Exhibit B as "a chart of the geographic location of the top 60 Internet sites." Exhibit B then listed the top 60 sites and the geographic location of the domain name's registrant. The language used, however, might imply that GTE could determine the exact geographic location of a web server from this information. (This chart was developed using the "Web Interface to Whois" web page from the InterNIC Corporation.) While the vast majority of the registrants' locations are likely to correspond to the actual location of the domain's web site itself, some may not.

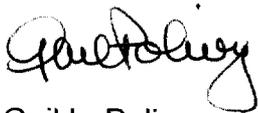
¹ GTE Alaska Incorporated, GTE Arkansas Incorporated, GTE California Incorporated, GTE Florida Incorporated, GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company Incorporated, The Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation, GTE Midwest Incorporated, GTE North Incorporated, GTE Northwest Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, GTE Southwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., and Contel of the South, Inc.

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In order to clarify the record and provide the best information available, GTE has prepared a revised Exhibit B setting forth both the location of the domain name's registrant and the location of the Internet protocol address. (The latter information was generated by using the "Host name to Latitude/Longitude" web page developed by the University of Illinois - Chicago.) Generally GTE believes this data provides reliable information regarding where these servers are located. Moreover, GTE believes that the revised Exhibit B provides the best publicly available information about web server locations and, most importantly, continues to demonstrate the geographic diversity of the most popular Internet destinations.

GTE apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused the Commission or the parties.

Sincerely,



Gail L. Polivy
Attorney for GTE Service Corporation and its
affiliated domestic telephone operating
companies

Enclosed: Revised Exhibit B

cc: Parties on Service List

WEB Report : Domain Level

Unique Visitors May 1998

| Rank | Domain Name | Registrant Location | | Domain Name Location | | Unique Visitors (000) |
|------|------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| | | City | State | City | State | |
| 1 | yahoo.com | Santa Clara | CA | Mountain View | CA | 26,726 |
| 2 | netscape.com | Mountain View | CA | Mountain View | CA | 20,723 |
| 3 | microsoft.com | Redmond | WA | Redmond | WA | 15,674 |
| 4 | excite.com | Redwood City | CA | Mountain View | CA | 12,502 |
| 5 | infoseek.com | Santa Clara | CA | Santa Clara | CA | 11,696 |
| 6 | aol.com | Reston | VA | Reston | VA | 11,243 |
| 7 | geocities.com | Santa Monica | CA | Santa Clara | CA | 10,498 |
| 8 | lycos.com | Pittsburgh | PA | Pittsburgh | PA | 6,787 |
| 9 | altavista.com | Campbell | CA | Palo Alto | CA | 6,764 |
| 10 | msn.com | Redmond | WA | Redmond | WA | 6,315 |
| 11 | hotmail.com | Sunnyvale | CA | Sunnyvale | CA | 6,016 |
| 12 | four11.com | Menlo Park | CA | Palo Alto | CA | 4,499 |
| 13 | webcrawler.com | Vienna | VA | Mountain View | CA | 4,477 |
| 14 | zdnet.com | Cambridge | MA | Cambridge | MA | 4,066 |
| 15 | whowhere.com | Mountain View | CA | Mountain View | CA | 3,280 |
| 16 | real.com | Seattle | WA | Seattle | WA | 2,965 |
| 17 | cnn.com | Atlanta | GA | Atlanta | GA | 2,924 |
| 18 | att.net | Morrisville | NC | Parsippany | NJ | 2,888 |
| 19 | weather.com | Atlanta | GA | Atlanta | GA | 2,880 |
| 20 | tripod.com | Williamstown | MA | Santa Clara | CA | 2,745 |
| 21 | hotbot.com | San Francisco | CA | San Francisco | CA | 2,703 |
| 22 | switchboard.com | Westboro | MA | Westboro | MA | 2,696 |
| 23 | get.net | Irving | TX | Irving | TX | 2,550 |
| 24 | compuserve.com | Columbus | OH | Columbus | OH | 2,536 |
| 25 | usatoday.com | Arlington | VA | Silver Spring | MD | 2,518 |
| 26 | amazon.com | Seattle | WA | Seattle | WA | 2,448 |
| 27 | looksmart.com | San Francisco | CA | Palo Alto | CA | 2,447 |
| 28 | mindspring.com | Atlanta | GA | Atlanta | GA | 2,352 |
| 29 | msnbc.com | Redmond | WA | Redmond | WA | 2,219 |
| 30 | pathfinder.com | New York | NY | Morrisville | NC | 2,217 |
| 31 | angelfire.com | Fort Washington | MD | Rockville | MD | 2,143 |
| 32 | mapquest.com | Denver | CO | Denver | CO | 2,136 |
| 33 | sony.com | Park Ridge | NJ | San Jose | CA | 2,037 |
| 34 | search.com | San Francisco | CA | San Francisco | CA | 2,020 |
| 35 | bluemountain.com | Boulder | CO | Boulder | CO | 1,910 |
| 36 | sportszone.com | Bellevue | WA | Bellevue | WA | 1,893 |
| 37 | infobeat.com | Denver | CO | Denver | CO | 1,735 |
| 38 | adobe.com | San Jose | CA | Mountain View | CA | 1,707 |
| 39 | mit.edu | Cambridge | MA | Cambridge | MA | 1,704 |
| 40 | nytimes.com | New York | NY | New York | NY | 1,680 |
| 41 | travelcity.com | Fort Worth | TX | Fort Worth | TX | 1,667 |
| 42 | abcnews.com | New York | NY | Bellevue | WA | 1,655 |

WEB Report : Domain Level
Unique Visitors
May 1998

| Rank | Domain Name | Registrant Location | | Domain Name Location | | Unique Visitors (000) |
|------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| | | City | State | City | State | |
| 43 | disney.com | Burbank | CA | Fairfax | VA | 1,635 |
| 44 | netcom.com | San Jose | CA | San Jose | CA | 1,603 |
| 45 | pointcast.com | Sunnyvale | CA | Fairfax | VA | 1,602 |
| 46 | ebay.com | San Jose | CA | Redwood City | CA | 1,593 |
| 47 | erols.com | Springfield | VA | Springfield | VA | 1,524 |
| 48 | cnet.com | San Francisco | CA | San Francisco | CA | 1,499 |
| 49 | sportsline.com | Fort Lauderdale | FL | Fort Lauderdale | FL | 1,491 |
| 50 | ustreas.gov | Washington | DC | Washington | DC | 1,455 |
| 51 | fxweb.com | Dubugue | IA | Alexandria | VA | 1,411 |
| 52 | hp.com | Palo Alto | CA | Palo Alto | CA | 1,409 |
| 53 | intellicast.com | Billerica | MA | Billerica | MA | 1,392 |
| 54 | city.net | Mountain View | CA | Mountain View | CA | 1,338 |
| 55 | umich.edu | Ann Arbor | MI | Ann Arbor | MI | 1,304 |
| 56 | gateway2000.com | North Sioux City | SD | North Sioux City | SD | 1,302 |
| 57 | kbb.com | Irvine | CA | Irvine | CA | 1,298 |
| 58 | download.com | San Francisco | CA | San Francisco | CA | 1,294 |
| 59 | primenet.com | Phoenix | AZ | Phoenix | AZ | 1,293 |
| 60 | nfl.com | New York | NY | Bellevue | WA | 1,282 |

| Source of Information | Company | Web Site |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Web Site Ranking: | RelevantKnowledge, Inc. | http://www.relevantknowledge.com/ |
| 2. Registrant Location: | InterNIC Corporation | http://rs.internic/cgi-bin/whois/ |
| 3. Domain Name Location: | University of Illinois - Chicago | http://cello.cs.uiuc.edu/cgi-bin/slamn/ipll/ |