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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the matter of )  
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Applications of Bell Atlantic Corporation And )  
GTE Corporation ) CC Docket No. 98-184  
for Transfer of Control of )  
GTE Corporation to Bell Atlantic Corporation )

To: The Commission  
Date: 11/18/98

My comments are in response to the subject matter listed above.

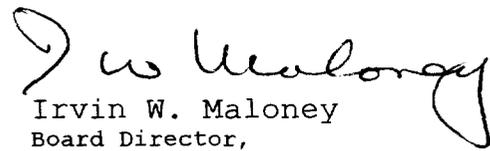
This merger is a positive attempt to address telecommunication user needs and interest. As a user, it will satisfy my requirements for access to services on a regional, national or global basis. It will provide the full bundle of telecommunications capabilities. These are the clear signals that I not only hear from my peers but that I strongly endorse.

I believe that a merger of Bell Atlantic/GTE will result in increased competition for local exchange and exchange access services. It will provide the much needed "choices" for customers like me.

The merger will provide an important new competitor in the bundled services marketplace. It will also produce improved Internet capabilities for us users.

Bell Atlantic and GTE do not compete with each other today. From a user perspective there is no loss of choice---only a "win-win" situation.

Please consider my views as you deliberate on this very important matter. Approve this merger!!



Irvin W. Maloney  
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