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Ex Parte and Request for Confidential Treatment: Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs - CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160

Dear Ms. Salas:

In response to staff requests made in the Common Carrier Bureau's workshop held on December 11, 1998 on input values, GTE is submitting actual Digital Loop Carrier Equipment costs for various line sizes. Fixed and variable costs are provided for both Remote Terminals and Central Office Terminals in the templates provided by the staff.

Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §0.459, and the Common Carrier Bureau's Protective Order, DA 98-1490, released July 27, 1998, GTE requests that this not be made routinely available for public inspection. The information submitted to the Bureau contains commercial or financial information which is confidential and disclosure to the public would likely cause competitive injury to GTE. *See* 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4); *National Parks and Conservation Ass'n v. Morton*, 498 F.2d 765 (D.C. Cir. 1974); *National Parks and Conservation Ass'n v. Kleppe*, 547 F.2d 673 (D.C. Cir. 1976). This information is considered confidential and proprietary to both GTE and the third party vendors. GTE has agreed to treat this information as confidential and not to make it available for public disclosure

Please contact me at (202) 463-5293 should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Randolph
Director – Regulatory Matters

Attachment

cc: Craig Brown