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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: GTE's Network Element Offerings

Dear Larry:

As you requested, this letter confirms that, during the FCC proceeding on remand from the Supreme Court, GTE will continue to make available each of the individual network elements defined in the now-vacated FCC rules and our existing interconnection agreements.

Of course, GTE also will continue to negotiate in good faith over new interconnection agreements consistent with the terms of the Act.

Sincerely,



William P. Barr

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