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Re: GTE Update and Revision to Universal Service Data Request
- CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Ms. Salas:

GTE Service Corporation, on behalf of its affiliated domestic telephone operating companies ("GTE"), submit the accompanying information in response to the Common Carrier Bureau's Order, DA 97-1433, released July 9, 1997. Pursuant to the Bureau's Order, GTE and other local exchange carriers were directed to submit certain information to enable the Commission to evaluate forward-looking cost models for purposes of determining universal service support to rural, insular, and high-cost areas.

This filing provides information for Arkansas, Indiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Washington, California, Iowa, New Mexico, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, Hawaii, Michigan, Ohio, and Virginia as a result of revised loop length studies for these states in response to items 5(c) and (d). Consequently, data previously submitted in response to items 2 (loop length studies) and 7 (subscriber utilization studies) are revised to reflect the new updated studies.

This filing represents the "Public" version of GTE's response. Pursuant to the Bureau's Order, and Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, GTE is submitting a separate "confidential" version and requesting the information contained therein not be made routinely available for public inspection.

Paper copies of the revised loop length studies are provided. Updates to the "Main" and "Attachment 1" spreadsheets are provided on computer diskette.

Please call me at (202) 463-5293 if there are any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Randolph
Director - Regulatory Matters

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C: Ms. Sheryl Todd
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