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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Filing - CC Docket No. 99-35 (Telephone Number Portability)

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to advise that today Bob Suslin, Jon Baggett, Lin Grado, Randy Patton and I of GTE discussed with Chris Barnekov and Josephine Simmons of the Competitive Pricing Division the cost data in support of GTE's local number portability filings which are under investigation in this docket.

Agreement was reached with the Commission's staff members named above on adjustments to GTE's cost data, specifically, the exclusion of the costs of certain OSS systems (CTI/IVRU, DSTS, Netminder, SITES, TDCS, TONICS ACE, TCAF, TIAS, BVT, CBSS, GSAS/STOMPS, NPS, TEMPO, and UMS), the recalculation of the rate of return to reflect it properly as a monthly rate, and the removal of the inflation factor on future equipment purchases.

The OSS application suite named "Care" contains the program which verifies that a number has been correctly ported to another carrier. Because of the timing of the Local Service Management System (LSMS) updates in the porting order flow, GTE was unable to change the ordering system (e.g., NOCV) to access the LSMS to verify that the download of ported telephone number information was successfully transmitted to GTE's LSMS. Instead, this modification was made to the Care application to verify that GTE's LSMS was correctly updated from the porting of a telephone number between GTE and another carrier. This is used to verify that the provisioning of number portability was successful. As a result, GTE believes that the costs of the Care application are properly included in the rate determination.

The net effect of these adjustments is to lower the basic monthly Service Provider Number Portability fee per line from \$0.38 to \$0.36. GTE hereby concurs with this rate and will file a tariff change reflecting the new rate on Thursday, June 17, 1999. (An earlier filing is literally not possible due to the remaining work being done to make the annual access charge filing on June 16.) The tariff filing will contain a revised worksheet showing these adjustments.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 463-5291 or by e-mail to gmaxson@dcoffice.gte.com.

Sincerely,

F. Gordon Maxson
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