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April 19, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentations in File Nos.: DA 00-191, DA 00-318, WT Docket No. 98-205, WT Docket No. 96-59, and GN Docket No. 93-252

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules and regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, the purpose of the letter is to report that, on April 17, 2000, the undersigned representative of GTE Service Corporation ("GTE") had an *ex parte* telephone communication relating to the upcoming reauction of C and F Block spectrum with Ari Fitzgerald, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Kennard.

GTE reiterated its position that the spectrum needs for the provision of third-generation wireless services warrant a Commission decision not to apply the spectrum cap to the C and F Block spectrum. GTE explained that its estimates of its spectrum needs are conservative and based on a very aggressive deployment of digital service and 3G equipment. Indeed, GTE has already been aggressively rolling out digital service in its cellular service areas. The percentage of GTE's cellular subscribers that receive digital service has more than doubled in the last year; the percentage of new subscribers that receive digital service has also risen substantially. Thus, while GTE's digital penetration is naturally higher in certain of its areas, GTE's digital growth rate is very high on a systemwide basis.

Five originals and five copies of this letter are submitted for inclusion in the above-captioned file numbers.

Very truly yours,



Pantelis Michalopoulos
Attorney for GTE Service Corporation

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Enclosures

cc: Ari Fitzgerald, Esq.