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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE

RE: Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Mr. Caton:

The attached letter should be placed in the record of the above captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Office of the Secretary. Please associate this notification with the record in the proceeding indicated above.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please call me at 202 515-2534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard T. Ellis".

Attachment



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Ms. Dorothy Attwood
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-C450
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 98-184 Bell Atlantic/GTE merger

Dear Ms. Atwood:

On May 1, 2001, Verizon sought permission to accelerate its right to provide advanced services independent of its separate advanced services affiliate, Verizon Advanced Data, Inc. By Order, released Sept. 26, 2001, this request was granted and included a requirement that Verizon immediately inform the Commission when it completes its reintegration work for each state. Effective February 1st, 2002, integration for Hawaii, Indiana, Missouri and Vermont was completed.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me on 202-515-2534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard T. Ellis".

Cc: J. Carlisle
B. Olson
C. Carpino