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**Notice of Verizon Voluntary Payments Pursuant to Merger Condition**
**CC Docket No. 98-184**
**May 1, 2002**

In the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order* the Commission adopted a carrier-to-carrier performance plan that requires Verizon to make payments to the United States Treasury should it fail to meet certain performance standards.[1] Specifically, Verizon makes payments if its performance on a given measurement is below the relevant standard for three consecutive months or six of twelve months in a calendar year.[2]

Verizon has made the following payments:

| Month of Payment | Performance Months | Amount of Payment |
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| August 2001 | April 2001 through June 2001 | $1,522,334 |
| September 2001 | May 2001 through July 2001 | $1,526,717 |
| October 2001 | June 2001 through August 2001 | $ 225,136[3] |
| November 2001 | July 2001 through September 2001 | $ 841,294 |
| December 2001 | August 2001 through October 2001 | $ 931,386[4] |
| January 2002 | September 2001 through November 2001 | $ 961,419[5] |
| February 2002 | October 2001 through December 2001 | $ 462,669[6] |

[1] Applications of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License, CC Docket No. 98-184, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 14032, Appendix D, Attachment A (2000) *(Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order)*.
[2] *Id.*
[3] Verizon states that the $225,136 payment represents "a payment of $937,572 for the metrics missed during the performance months of June, July, and August 2001 adjusted for overpayments in August and September resulting from the use of a payment calculation methodology that was not precisely consistent with the methodology specified in the Merger Order, Appendix D, Attachment A." Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed Oct. 30, 2001).
[4] Verizon states that the $931,386 represents a gross amount of $938,235 less a true-up for a $6,849 overpayment resulting from corrected April 2001 data. *See* Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed Dec. 28, 2001).
[5] Verizon states that the $961,419 includes a true-up for $37,756 resulting from corrected May 2001 data. *See* Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket ~~No.~~ 98-184 (filed Jan. 31, 2002).
[6] Verizon states that the $462,669 represents a gross amount of $427,875 plus a true-up for $34,794 underpayment resulting from corrected June 2001 data. *See* Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed Mar. 1, 2002).

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| March 2002 | November 2001 through January 2002 | $ 922,667[7] |
| April 2002 | December 2001 through February 2002 | $ 844,818[8] |

[7] Verizon states that the $922,667 represents a gross amount of $760,299 increased by a true-up for $162,368 overpayment resulting from the corrected August 2001 data." *See* Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to William Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed Mar. 29, 2002).

[8] Verizon states that the $844,818 represents the gross amount of $975,825 less a true-up of $131,007 for overpayment resulting from corrected August 2001 data. *See* Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed April 30, 2002).