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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, S.W. - Portals  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: Bell Atlantic Corp. and GTE Corp., CC Docket No. 98-184*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 25, 2003, Verizon made a wire transfer of \$198,946.00 to the FCC as instructed by the FCC Revenues and Receivables Operations Group to be forwarded to the U.S. Treasury as voluntary payment for metrics missed during the performance months of July 2003, August 2003 and September 2003. Payment was made pursuant to Condition V, Paragraph 16 of Appendix D to the order approving the merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE (“Merger Order”) and this notice is provided pursuant to Paragraph 13, Attachment A of the same Appendix D.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: D. Lee  
P. Young