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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Bell Atlantic Corp. and GTE Corp., CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The enclosed letter was provided to W. Maher of the Wireline Competition Bureau today. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: Carol Matthey
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William Maher
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
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Dear Mr. Maher:

Verizon has discovered that one of the changes adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission in the July 2003 order which was recommended by Verizon in its August 11, 2003 letter to you requires more extensive changes in the programming code than originally anticipated. As a result, the change could not be implemented for the January 2004 data month as shown on the Summary of Recommended Changes table that accompanied Verizon's letter.

The change involves the PO-1, OR-1 and OR-2 Performance Measurements. The July 2003 California order adopted an exclusion from Measures 1, 2 and 3 of any transaction where a batch transmission from a CLEC included more than 200 items in a single transmission. Verizon recommended that the same exclusion be added to the corresponding FCC Performance Measures, PO-1, OR-1 and OR-2. To date, Verizon has been unable to implement this exclusion for its state reporting requirements as well as for the FCC reporting requirements. Verizon is currently working with CLECs in California that participate in the collaborative process there, and will be requesting an implementation delay from the California Public Utilities Commission once it has received concurrence from these CLECs. That request will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available, but Verizon wanted to advise you of this situation prior to providing you with the January 2004 Performance Measurement reports. Verizon is continuing to work on developing the means to implement the required programming change and will keep you apprised of our progress.

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