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VIA E-MAIL:

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Re: Linda Thorpe, Representative Plaintiff, vs. GTE Corporation, et al.
Case No.: 8:00 CV-1231-T-17TBM (Middle District, Florida)
CG Docket No. 03-84

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to Order of the Honorable Elizabeth A. Kovachevich, Middle District of Florida, entered in the above-referenced lawsuit on February 8, 2002, we were directed to file a Petition for Declaratory Ruling with your agency.

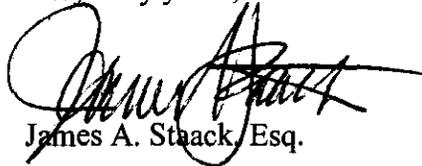
We filed this Petition via Priority Mail on June 6, 2002. In early August of 2002, your agency confirmed that the original filing had been misplaced and we re-submitted and re-filed the Petition. Public Notice was issued March 27, 2003. Thereafter, the FCC received comments, replies to comments, and related correspondence through October of 2003. Thereafter, there appears to be no activity relating to this Petition for nearly two years, when on August 26, 2005, Verizon, at the request of the FCC, filed its version of pertinent portions of its written tariffs. Since that time, there has been no additional record activity.

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We consider the matters raised in the Petition and in my client's original suit to be important to the American consumer. Accordingly, we would expect the FCC to give this matter due and adequate consideration. It occurs to us that in excess of 4 ½ years is more time than one would think the agency would reasonably require to rule on a matter, especially one before the agency at the direction of a Federal District Court Judge. I personally only have limited experience with such Petitions, having filed only one other, also at the request of Federal District Court Judge. That matter took less than one year from start to finish before the agency. Certainly, it is conceivable that the volume of petitions have increased dramatically over the past several years and a five-year time frame is now typical.

I am writing you to simply confirm that this matter is progressing in due course, with all due speed, and that it has not somehow been side tracked, way-laid, or lost again. Kindly advise me as to the procedural status of this matter at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



James A. Staack, Esq.

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