

MEMO TO THE FILE FROM JOYCE BEASLEY
TELEPHONE MESSAGES AND CONVERSATION WITH CONNIE NICHOLAS, COUNSEL
TO GTE
RE: COST STUDIES AND LOA

On Friday, June 28, Connie left me a voice mail regarding the cost studies. She was concerned about giving us authorization to see all of the cost studies ever filed in all of the states. She felt many would not be pertinent to our negotiations. She referred to the avoided cost study for California which was previously furnished as being the only appropriate avoided cost materials. She said they could provide the more recent cost studies for California, Florida, and Hawaii for unbundled network elements. She also said it would take some time to gather all of the information. She will provide that information directly to us, rather than entering into my proposed amendment to the confidentiality order.

On Monday, July 1, I talked with Connie and confirmed that she was gathering the information for the unbundled network elements cost studies for California, Fla., and Hawaii. I asked that she look into what she could provide for Texas. I told her that I understood that there should be some unbundled Texas information as a result of the Texas loop docket.

I also discussed with Connie the issues regarding LOA and Change As Is. She stated that GTE would change customers from GTE or another LEC to AT&T using the proposed LOA and FCC based procedures. They still will not consider the customer's oral authorization to change carrier's as authorization to provide the customer service record in order to do change as is. She again cited their fear of lawsuits and liability under the CPNI provisions of the Act. I asked her to consider our previous proposal to indemnify GTE. She said she would talk to her boss and get back to me. I told her that I would also confirm that indemnification was agreeable with AT&T.

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