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REMARKS:

**AT&T and GTE Core Negotiation Team Meeting  
May 23, 1996**

**Attending via Conference Call:**

**AT&T: Rasul Damji, Lisa Tyler, and Sandra Noble**

**GTE: John Peterson and John Honabarger**

- The agenda for the May 30, 1996, Executive Team Meeting was discussed. The following items were noted as possible agenda items;
  1. Status of Activity.
  2. Core Team Issues.
  3. Action Register review.
  4. Next steps/Scheduling etc.
- The team discussed the AT&T SME comments regarding the adequacy of GTE resources on the billing SME team. John Peterson reviewed the policy team process that GTE had undertaken to complete the analysis of the massive AT&T request and to identify resource requirement. The teams are currently in the process of concluding their analysis. Some teams are ahead of others. Only at the conclusion of the analysis process can a realistic determination of resources be made. John Peterson review the GTE actions that have taken place in the short time frame sense AT&T provided their detailed request. John Peterson agreed to call Rasul and provide an update on the GTE teams activity, however, no commitment of a time for resolution of this perceived lack of resources.
- Both companies agreed to improve upon the scheduling of SME meeting so as to minimize overlap periods.
- GTE discussed the status of GTE rural exemption issue. The list of impacted locations is currently being finalized and will be available Tuesday or Wednesday (5/28 or 29/96)
- AT&T and GTE SMEs joined the Core Team meeting to describe a technical break through related to the interim solution for real-time delivery of orders. This discussion was very positive, however, it also identified 24 or so critical issue areas that must be resolved before conclusion of this section. Understanding the this positive solution and the requirements surrounding our being able to bring it to a close we agreed that the target date of June 5 may have to be move out to some extent. An analysis of the work activities related to completion of this project will be completed to demonstrate the needed time requirements.

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- Discussion were continued on the identified issues for Core Team Screening. Some positions will be expanded so as to include additional background and reasoning.
- It was agreed that an additional conference call meeting would take place May 24, 1996 to continue discussion of the identified issues for Core Team Screening.

Additions and corrections to the review of the May 22, 1996 Core Negotiating Team Meeting are as follows:

- GTE did not agree to "working to meet all deadlines in the jointly developed timeline and escalating to the executives those issues which are jeopardizing the agreed timeline.
  1. First GTE never agreed to a timeline. GTE did agree to a workplan with target dates. GTE also agreed that we must take a real world approach and after operational evaluation has taken place we would adjust the workplan target date as need be.
  2. Secondly, GTE never agreed to escalate any issue to the executives which might jeopardize a target workplan date. Just because a small technical problem might delay the target date a few days is not reason to burden the executive team.

GTE does not agree to the last statement on the meeting review. "John Peterson will ensure adequate GTE resources are available for the SME negotiating teams and provide status on Thursday."

First, the SME teams are not negotiating teams. The SME teams are to find workable solutions to technical problems based on their companies polices. Additionally, John Peterson agreed to looking into the allegation by an AT&T SME that GTE did not have adequate resources available on the network operations team.