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Mr. Steve McLellan
Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
Chandler Plaza Building
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, SW
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Transfer of Section 214 Authorizations from GTE to Bell Atlantic under
the Announced Merger.

Dear Mr. McLellan:

On July 28, 1998, GTE and Bell Atlantic announced a merger under which GTE will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell Atlantic. On October 2, 1998, GTE and Bell Atlantic filed with the Federal Communications Commission applications to transfer control of radio licenses and Section 214 authorizations to operate interstate communications lines. Under the Communications Act and the FCC's rules, notice of the applications to transfer Section 214 authorizations is to be given to the regulatory agencies in each state through which a communication line passes. Accordingly, please find enclosed a copy of the Section 214 application filed by GTE and Bell Atlantic and some additional background information on the merger. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned, counsel for GTE, at the above number.

Sincerely,


Peter D. Shields

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