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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. UT-960307

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On the 11TH day of JUNE, 1996, a true copy of STEVE MCLELLAN LETTER TO RON GAYMAN ON BEHALF OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS INFORMING OF DOCKET NUMBER ASSIGNED.

in the above-entitled cause now pending before the Commission was enclosed in an envelope addressed to each of the parties of record as set forth below. Each envelope was addressed to the address shown in the official files attached hereto, sealed with the required first-class postage thereon, and deposited on said date in the United States mail in the City of Olympia, County of Thurston, State of Washington.

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June 11, 1996

Ron Gayman
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RE: Request for Negotiations Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No. UT-960307

Dear Mr. Gayman:

This will confirm that the Commission has received and docketed your request for negotiations with GTE regarding interconnection dated March 11, 1996. Please include Docket No. UT-960307 on all future correspondence and filings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve McLellan".

STEVE McLELLAN
Secretary

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CHAIRMAN, WUTC

Dear Chairman Nelson:

The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides a specific framework for developing competition in the local exchange telecommunications market. AT&T is very excited about the opportunities this presents for consumers to finally have the benefits of a competitive telecommunications market brought to their local exchange services.

As you are aware, our Chairman, Bob Allen, announced our plan to seek authority to provide local exchange service in all 50 states on February 8, 1996. This work is underway and progressing.

An integral part of our local service entry plans is the negotiation of interconnection, resale and unbundled elements agreements for use of the local exchange carriers' facilities. Initially, we plan to use both the total service of the local exchange carriers on a resale basis and unbundled elements of their local network to provide high quality service to our customers. Ultimately, AT&T will be using its own facilities or a combination of LEC/AT&T facilities.

A negotiation process is very specifically detailed in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. On March 1, 1996, AT&T formally requested interconnection negotiations with U S WEST in the State of Washington. This action initiated the nine month timeline outlined in the Act for negotiation and, if necessary, arbitration.

We will continue to pursue interconnection, resale and unbundled elements agreements through the negotiation process. However, should we need arbitration of some issues, I want to make you aware of the particular timetable we are operating under for your planning purposes.

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We have initiated negotiations with U S WEST in Washington under the following time table.

- Request for negotiations on **March 1, 1996**.
- Arbitration can be sought by either party after day 135, **July 14, 1996**, through day 160, **August 7, 1996**, [Section 252 (b)(1)].
- The Commission has until **December 1, 1996** to resolve the arbitration issues [Section 252 (b)(4)(C)].
- The Federal Act provides 30 days following the arbitration for the Commission to approve or reject.

Similarly, we have initiated negotiations with GTE in Washington under the following time table.

- Request for negotiations on **March 11, 1996**.
- Arbitration request, if necessary, to be filed between **July 25, 1996 and August 19, 1996**.
- Completion of arbitration by **December 12, 1996**.
- Final order by the Commission 30 days thereafter.

If you have any questions on these procedural schedules, please feel free to contact me, Ron Gayman, or our attorney, Maria Arias-Chapleau, on (303) 298-6232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

cc: Commissioner William R. Gillis
Commissioner Richard Hemstad

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Re: Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Tom,

AT&T requests the commencement of negotiations under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for the states of Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. This request includes all interconnection issues enumerated in Sections 251 and 252, including prices and terms for network elements used for the origination and completion of interexchange services traffic. My expectation is that our companies can come to a mutually acceptable arrangement through negotiations as envisioned by the Act.

I propose that our negotiations for all of these states include all GTE telephone companies including CONTEL, and be held on a combined basis and at a corporate level. To begin this process, I suggest that we convene a small Senior Management Team (3-4 individuals per company) for an initial meeting on March 28, 1996, in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. The team members should be prepared and empowered to conduct full negotiations under the Act for all of the states. I anticipate that your team members will also bring with them the information necessary to begin full negotiations.

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We realize there are a significant number of issues to resolve. We are confident that with a concerted and cooperative spirit, we can resolve these issues in a mutually agreeable manner. Our companies have worked together in the past to provide world-class service to customers and we hope to enhance and expand this relationship into all telecommunications markets through these teaming efforts.

If there are questions, if my proposed date is not possible, or if GTE would be ready and able to meet earlier than March 28, please contact me at 908-771-2700.

Sincerely,



R. Reed Harrison III
Vice President -
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Comments: Steve,

FYI. Attached is a copy of AT&T's March 11, 1996 letter to GTE requesting commencement of negotiations under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Ron

cc: Kath Thomas

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