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Larry J. Sparrow  
President - Carrier Markets  
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Dear Mr. Sparrow:

Among the list of duties that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Federal Act) requires of all local exchange carriers is an obligation to furnish dialing parity to other providers of both exchange and intraLATA toll services [Section 251(b)(3)]. This very important duty, required to enhance competition, is of major importance to AT&T's ability to provide customers with the services they desire.

We believe that the Federal Act both encourages and requires carriers to work with each other in order to achieve the Act's objectives of fostering competition. Accordingly, I would appreciate your providing me, by April 10, 1996, with GTE's plan for compliance with its statutory duty to install dialing parity capability in its switches in the states of Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, including the time requirements for such installations.

AT&T is willing and ready to discuss any implementation issues with GTE as soon as possible. This is not a request for negotiations pursuant to Section 252 of the Federal Act, but is instead a request for information that is critical to allow AT&T to meet its customers' needs. I would appreciate receiving your reply as soon as it is convenient for you to do so.

Sincerely,

cc: Ms. Katherine Harless - GTE  
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