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Dear Reed:

On June 21, 1996, I wrote to inform you that certain of GTE's service areas are under the rural exemption as provided by Section 251(f)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

It has come to my attention that one additional service area in Virginia which we previously considered non-rural, is rural. Accordingly, I am attaching a complete listing which includes the corrected Virginia information showing which of GTE's service areas are rural.

Sincerely,

for Donald W. McLeod

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Attachment

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**GTE Telephone Operations
Areas Qualifying for the Rural Exemption
(Data as of January 31, 1996)**

State	State or Study Area	Access Lines	Sec. 3(a) (47) Condition Met	Rural Exemption
Alabama	Total State	249,066	---	No
	Contel South - Alabama	104,364		
	GTE South - Alabama	144,702		
Alaska	Total State	17,000	(C), (D)	Yes
Arizona	Total State	7,506	(C), (D)	Yes
Arkansas	Total State	191,466	(D)	Yes
	Contel Arkansas	92,897		
	Contel KS dba AR	19,907		
	GTE SW - Arkansas	78,662		
California	West Coast Tel.	12,752	(C)	Yes
	Contel California	336,618	---	No
	GTE California	3,682,791	---	No
Florida	GTE South - Florida	1,999,159	---	No
Hawaii	Hawaiian Telephone Co.	671,283	---	No
Idaho	Total State	114,478	(D)	Yes
Illinois	Total State	823,462	(D)	Yes
	Contel Illinois	175,966		
	GTE North - Illinois	607,736		
	GTE South - Illinois	39,760		
Indiana	Contel South - Indiana	9,447	(C)	Yes
	Contel Indiana	165,237	---	No
	GTE North - Indiana	671,170	---	No
Iowa	Total State	259,658	(D)	Yes
	Contel of Iowa	95,742		
	Contel of KS dba Iowa	51,275		
	GTE North - Iowa	112,641		

State	State or Study Area	Access Lines	Sec. 3(a) (47) Condition Met	Rural Exemption
Kentucky	Contel of Kentucky	85,447	(C)	Yes
	GTE South - Kentucky	395,504	---	No
Michigan	Total State	677,474	(D)	Yes
	Contel of South - Michigan	47,158		
	GTE North - Michigan	630,316		
Minnesota	Total State	115,486	(D)	Yes
	Contel of Minnesota	111,706		
	GTE North - Minnesota	3,780		
Missouri	Contel Systems Missouri	43,537	(C)	Yes
	KS State dba Missouri	7,151	(C)	Yes
	GTE North - Missouri	116,758	---	No
	Contel of Missouri	225,895	---	No
Nebraska	Total State	52,900	(C), (D)	Yes
New Mexico	Total State	80,093	(D)	Yes
	Contel New Mexico	37,880		
	GTE SW - New Mexico	42,213		
Nevada	Total State	29,328	(C), (D)	Yes
N. Carolina	Total State	291,853	---	No
	Contel of North Carolina	112,467		
	GTE South - N. Carolina	179,386		
Ohio	Total State	774,745	(D)	Yes
Oklahoma	GTE SW - Oklahoma	101,051	---	No
Oregon	GTE NW - Oregon	405,388	---	No
Pennsylvania	Contel of PA	60,415	(C)	Yes
	Quaker State	38,561	(C)	Yes
	GTE North - PA	489,729	---	No
S. Carolina	Contel of S. Carolina	19,889	(C)	Yes
	GTE South - S. Carolina	160,954	---	No

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State	State or Study Area	Access Lines	Sec. 3(a) (47) Condition Met	Rural Exemption
Texas	Total State	1,651,192	---	No
	Contel of Texas	200,781		
	GTE SW - Texas	1,450,411		
Virginia	GTE South - Virginia	33,009	(C)	Yes
	Contel of Virginia	461,355	(D)	Yes
Washington	Contel NW - Washington	65,197	(C)	Yes
	GTE NW - Washington	669,916	---	No
Wisconsin	Total State	440,994	(D)	Yes
Saipan	Total Micronesia	15,000	(C), (D)	Yes
TOTAL ACCESS LINES: 16,719,914		TOTAL QUALIFYING LINES: 4,436,350 (26.5%)		

Section 3(a)(47) of the Act defines a "rural telephone company" as a local exchange company that meets any of the following conditions:

- A) Provides service to any study area that does not include an unincorporated area of 10,000 residents or more, or does not include any territory defined as urban by the Census Bureau.
- B) Provides service to fewer than 50,000 access lines.
- C) Provides service to a study area with fewer than 100,000 access lines.
- D) Has less than 15% of the access lines in communities of more than 50,000 as of February 8, 1996.

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