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FROM:WELDON STUTZMAN

DATE:DECEMBER 7, 1998

RE:CASE NOS. GTE-T-98-4 AND GTE-T-98-5; APPROVAL OF GTE INTERCON­NEC­TION AGREEMENTS WITH CLARK COMMUNICATIONS AND WEST­ERN WIRELESS CORPORATION

On September 11, 1998, a Joint Application was filed by Clark Electronics dba Clark Communications and GTE Northwest, Inc. for approval of an interconnection agreement.  The agreement is a wireless interconnection agreement submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.  On October 13, 1998, the Commission issued a Notice of Joint Application and Notice of Modified Procedure.  Written comments were filed only by the Commission Staff, which recommends approval of the interconnection agreement.

A Joint Application for approval of interconnection agreement also was filed on September 11, 1998, by GTE and Western Wireless Corp.  This also is a wireless interconnection agreement.  The Commission issued a Notice of Joint Application and Notice of Modified Procedure on October 13, 1998.  Only the Commission Staff filed written comments, recommending approval of the interconnection agreement.

Staff recommends approval of both interconnection agreements in Case Nos. GTE-T-98-4 (GTE and Clark Communications) and GTE-T-98-5 (GTE and Western Wireless Corp.).

Commission Decision

Should the interconnection agreement between GTE and Clark Communications be approved?

Should the interconnection agreement between GTE and Western Wireless be approved?

Weldon Stutzman

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