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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON VODAFONE AIRTOUCH PLC, BELL ATLANTIC CORPORATION, AND GTE CORPORATION REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER OF SECTION 20.6 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

Comments/Petitions due: May 9, 2000

Responses/Oppositions due: May 16, 2000

On April 6, 2000, Vodafone AirTouch Plc ("Vodafone"), Bell Atlantic Corporation ("Bell Atlantic"), and GTE Corporation ("GTE") (collectively, "the Applicants") filed a Petition for Temporary Waiver of CMRS Spectrum Cap Rule, codified in section 20.6 of the Commission's rules.¹

The Applicants seek a waiver of the spectrum cap rule for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days following consummation of the Bell Atlantic/GTE merger, approval of which is pending before the Commission. The Applicants contend that the temporary waiver would enable them to undertake the required divestitures of wireless businesses in a more orderly and efficient manner and in conformance with the terms of the consent decree between the parties and the Department of Justice, which was recently entered by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The requested waiver is limited to CMRS licenses listed in Attachment 1.

Interested parties may file comments on the Applicants' Petition for Temporary Waiver of CMRS Spectrum Cap Rule on or before **May 9, 2000**. All comments should reference **DA 00-953** and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy of each filing should be sent to the Office of Public Affairs, Reference Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554 and to International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 857-3800. In addition, parties

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 20.6.

should send one copy each to Lauren Kravetz and Michael Samsock, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 4-C488, Washington, D.C. 20554.

The full text of the Applicants' Petition for Temporary Waiver of CMRS Spectrum Cap Rule and comments are available for inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may also be obtained from ITS, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 857-3800. In addition, the Petition is available electronically as an attachment to the relevant ULS applications, including ULS File No. 0000068471, which pertains to the first-listed market on Attachment 1.

Ex parte presentations in this proceeding will be governed by the "permit but disclose" procedures set forth in section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

For further information, contact Lauren Kravetz or Michael Samsock, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-7240.

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