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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
WORLDNET TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. EX PARTE LETTER
CONCERNING BELL ATLANTIC/GTE MERGER CONDITIONS**

CC Docket No. 98-141, 98-184

On February 12, 2001, WorldNet Telecommunications, Inc. (WorldNet) filed an *Ex Parte* Letter requesting that the Commission reopen the above referenced docket in order to:

1. determine, in response to the recent decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *Association of Communications Enterprises v. FCC*, 235 F.3d 662 (D.C. Cir. Jan. 9, 2001), that the separate advanced services affiliates of Verizon Communications Corp. (Verizon) are subject to all of the obligations of Section 251(c) of the Communications Act; and
2. expand the applicability of the conditions adopted in the *Memorandum Opinion and Order, In re Application of GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corp. for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License*, 15 FCC Rcd 14032 (2000), so that they are applicable to Puerto Rico Telephone Co., Inc., a company controlled by Verizon and the only incumbent local exchange carrier in Puerto Rico.

Interested parties may file comments regarding the WorldNet *Ex Parte* Letter no later than **April 25, 2001**, with Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554. Oppositions or responses to these comments may be filed with the Secretary, FCC no later than **May 10, 2001**. All pleadings and correspondence are to reference **CC Docket No. 98-141, 98-184**. Interested parties should file an **original and seven copies** of all pleadings. An additional copy of all pleadings must be sent to Janice M. Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 5-C327, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public services records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. The WorldNet *Ex Parte* Letter is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, and 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554 or by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800 or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/efcs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed

(courtesy copies must be filed to the above mentioned persons). If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to efcs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

We will treat this proceeding as "permit but disclose" for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See generally* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), as revised. Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well. Interested parties are to file with the Secretary, FCC, and serve Janice M. Myles and ITS, with copies of any written *ex parte* presentations or summaries of oral *ex parte* presentations in these proceedings in the manner specified above.

For general information on Coalition petition contact Janice M. Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1577, e-mail jmyles@fcc.gov.

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