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Via Hand Delivery

Mr. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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RE: Universal Service Generic Contested Case
Docket No. 97-00888

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On behalf of GTE Mobilnet, please find enclosed the original and thirteen (13) copies of its comments on the issues set forth in the Hearing Officer's Notice.

We appreciate your accepting the enclosed for filing and making the appropriate distributions.

Very truly yours,



Dan H. Elrod

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record
Ms. Shelly Jensen
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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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IN RE:

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE GENERIC
CONTESTED CASE**

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**COMMENTS OF GTE MOBILNET
ON THE ISSUES SET FORTH IN THE HEARING OFFICER'S NOTICE**

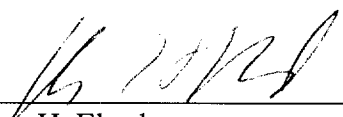
GTE Mobilnet respectfully submits the following comments in response to the Hearing Officer's Notice of Proposed Schedule and Request for Comments:

In response to items G.IV. and G.V.I.E., GTE Mobilnet notes that cellular carriers are excluded from the definition of "public utility" under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-101(a)(6). Thus, under current Tennessee law, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority has neither the authority to impose Universal Service or other obligations on cellular carriers, nor the authority to provide cellular carriers with Universal Service support.

In light of the comments of GTE Mobilnet in response to the items listed above, comments to the remaining points would appear to be unnecessary or inappropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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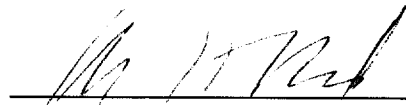
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