COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF BELL ATLANTIC CORPORATION AND GTE CORPORATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF UTILITY CONTROL

CASE NO. 99-296

<u>ORDER</u>

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Having considered the motion for modification filed by Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation ("Applicants") on September 17, 1999, evidence of record, and being otherwise advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The September 7, 1999 Order shall be modified to the extent that ordering paragraph number 10 shall not be applicable to ordering paragraph number 1.

2. Ordering paragraph number 1 of the September 7, 1999 Order shall be effective as of the date of merger close.

3. Applicants shall notify the Commission in writing of the date of merger close.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of October, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director