

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil No.: 1:99CV01119 (EGS)
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BELL ATLANTIC CORPORATION,)	
GTE CORPORATION,)	
and VODAFONE AIRTOUCH PLC,)	
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Defendants.)	
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE FINAL
JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST DEFENDANTS ON APRIL 18, 2000

Take notice that a Joint Motion to Modify the Final Judgment, Stipulation, and Memorandum in Support of the Joint Motion to Modify the Final Judgment, have been filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in United States v. Bell Atlantic Corporation, Civil No. 1:99CV01119. On May 7, 1999, the United States filed a Complaint (and a Supplemental Complaint on December 6, 1999) alleging that the proposed merger between Bell Atlantic Corporation (“Bell Atlantic”) and GTE Corporation (“GTE”) (the merged firm known as “Verizon Communications Inc.”) and the proposed joint venture between Bell Atlantic and Vodafone AirTouch Plc (“Vodafone”) (the joint venture now known as “Verizon Wireless”) would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18, by substantially lessening competition in wireless mobile telephone service in certain areas of Alabama, Arizona,

California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

The Final Judgment, entered on April 18, 2000, required the defendants to divest certain mobile wireless telecommunications services businesses. Divestitures were made to Alltel in 25 Cellular Market Areas (“CMAs”). The modification would allow the defendants to reacquire the divested wireless system assets in 22 of those CMAs – Cleveland MSA (CMA 16), Tampa MSA (CMA 22), Phoenix MSA (CMA 26), Akron MSA (CMA 52), Greenville SC MSA (CMA 67), Tucson MSA (CMA 77), El Paso TX MSA (CMA 81), Mobile MSA (CMA 83), Albuquerque MSA (CMA 86), Canton MSA (CMA 87), Lakeland MSA (CMA 114), Pensacola MSA (CMA 127), Lorain MSA (CMA 136), Ft. Myers MSA (CMA 164), Sarasota MSA (CMA 167), Bradenton MSA (CMA 211), AZ RSA 2 (CMA 319), FL RSA 1 (CMA 360), FL RSA 2 (CMA 361), FL RSA 3 (CMA 362), FL RSA 4 (CMA 363), and FL RSA 11 (CMA 370). The modification would allow the defendants to reacquire three additional CMAs – Anderson SC MSA (CMA 227), Las Cruces NM MSA (CMA 285) and OH RSA 3 (CMA 587) – only until the assets are divested according to terms specified in the Modified Final Judgment.

Copies of the Joint Motion to Modify the Final Judgment, Stipulation, Memorandum in Support of the Joint Motion to Modify the Final Judgment, and all other papers with the Court in connection with the motion are available for inspection at the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Antitrust Documents Group, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Suite 1010, Washington, DC 20530 (202-514-2481), on the Department of Justice website (www.usdoj.gov/atr), and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Interested persons may address comments to Nancy Goodman, Chief,
Telecommunications & Media Enforcement Section, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of
Justice, City Center Building, 1401 H Street, N.W., Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20530 (202-
514-5621), within 30 days of the date of this notice.