

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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ORDER TO ESTABLISH
PROCEDURES TO MODIFY FINAL JUDGMENT

Plaintiff United States of America, and defendants, GTE Corporation, Vodafone Airtouch Plc, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, which has changed its name to Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”),¹ having jointly moved for an Order modifying the Final Judgment entered by this Court on April 18, 2000, and plaintiff United States having tentatively consented to the motion if certain conditions are met, and plaintiff United States having proposed, and defendants having agreed, that notice of the motion and plaintiff United States’s tentative consent to it be published in the appropriate newspapers and trade press at the expense of defendants, that plaintiff United States publish a notice in the Federal Register, and that all interested persons be given an opportunity to submit comments concerning the proposed modification of the Final Judgment within 30 days of publication of the notices, and it appearing to the Court desirable to invite such

¹ The Final Judgment was entered after the United States challenged, under the antitrust laws, the merger between GTE and Bell Atlantic and Bell Atlantic’s agreement to partner with Vodafone in Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

comments, and in consideration of the proposed Order and Stipulation with Respect to Modified Final Judgment and Preservation of Assets of the parties dated , 2008, it is

ORDERED that defendants shall publish at their own expense a notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A in two consecutive issues of (a) The Birmingham News; (b) The Arizona Republic; (c) The St. Petersburg Times; (d) The Miami-Herald; (e) The Albuquerque Journal; (f) The Cleveland Plain Dealer; (g) The Columbus Dispatch; (h) The State; (i) The Dallas Morning News; (j) The Wall St. Journal; and (k) Communications Daily, and file proof of such publication with the Court; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that copies of all comments received by plaintiff United States within 30 days after the last publication of the notices shall be filed with this Court by plaintiff United States within a reasonable time after it receives such comments.

This Court will not rule upon the joint motion until plaintiff United States has filed any comments and its responses to those comments or plaintiff United States notifies the Court that no comments were received, provided that plaintiff United States has not withdrawn its tentative consent.

DONE, this _____ day of _____, 2008.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE