

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 0412

DATE: August 02, 2000

TO: All DTC Participants

CATEGORY: Reorganization

FROM: DTC Mandatory Reorg Deposits

ATTENTION: Reorganization Manager

SUBJECT: Mandatory Reorg Deposits of GTE Corporation
CUSIP 362320 103

DTC received notification from the Boston division of EquiServe on July 28, 2000 that cash-in-lieu of fractional shares of Verizon Communications (92343V104) will not be paid to shareholders upon presentation of their GTE Corporation shares for exchange. Instead, checks representing cash in lieu of fractional shares were mailed to registered holders of GTE Corporation as of June 30, 2000. Accordingly, DTC will reverse all cash-in-lieu credits resulting from allocations processed July 11, 2000 through July 28, 2000 on August 2, 2000.

In order to accommodate future Mandatory Reorg Deposits of GTE Corporation, DTC will create a second envelope identified by GTE Corporation, CUSIP number 362320103-Seq 01 with a RIPS activity code of -93, with a cash-in-lieu rate of 0.000001. Entitlements of Verizon Communications will be calculated based on the quantity of GTE Corp. shares deposited with no cash-in-lieu of fractional share entitlements being created. Although partial registered holdings will be accepted and processed if presented by DTC, Participants submitting Reorg Deposits are urged to present all shares of the same registered shareholder at the same time. Partial presentations may result in the incorrect allocation of shares of Verizon Communications and will be subject to adjustment by DTC upon receipt of the new shares.

For more information about the GTE Corp. exchange for shares of Verizon Communications, please refer to the Reorganization Inquiry for Participants ("RIPS") envelope identified by GTE Corporation, CUSIP number 362320103-Seq 01 with a RIPS activity code of 71.

Inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to Robert Melillo, DTC Manager, at 212-855-2006, or Richard Lehmann, DTC Manager, at 212-855-2007.