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Thomas J. Tauke is Senior Vice President - Government Relations for Bell Atlantic Corporation. He identifies issues of strategic importance to Bell Atlantic and coordinates efforts by the corporation to influence public policy on these issues. Mr. Tauke also is responsible for directing the activities of Bell Atlantic's Washington office, which includes overseeing corporate relationships with the U.S. Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and other agencies of the U.S. Government, trade and professional associations and advocacy groups.

For the past two decades Mr. Tauke has been a leading voice in the nation for telecommunications reform. His lobbying efforts were instrumental in achieving consensus throughout the business and government communities on the need for reform legislation. He successfully led the former NYNEX through the legislative and regulatory efforts associated with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and he was directly involved in every major telecommunications legislative battle in Congress in the 1980s.

Before joining NYNEX in 1991, Mr. Tauke was a Member of Congress, representing Iowa's Second Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives from January 1979 to January 1991. During his congressional service he was a member of the Telecommunications Subcommittee. He also served on the Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor and Small Business Committees, as well as the Select Committee on Aging. He served on the Pepper Commission on Comprehensive Health Care, the Infant Mortality Commission and the Biomedical Ethics Board.

Mr. Tauke served as a member of the Iowa General Assembly from January 1975 to January 1979. From 1977 to 1979 he was a partner in the law firm of Curnan, Fitzsimmons, Schilling and Tauke in Dubuque, Iowa. Before joining Bell Atlantic, Mr. Tauke was president and chief executive officer of Home Technology Systems, Inc., a small business based in Iowa and specializing in personal emergency systems. He currently serves as chairman of the HTS board.

Mr. Tauke is a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Telephone Association, where he is a member of the Internal Finance Committee; chairman of the board of The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars; a member of the Corporate Advisory Council for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; serves on the School of Public Affairs' Board of Visitors at the University of Maryland at College Park; a member of the Active Board of Trustees of The United States Capitol Historical Society; the Board of Directors of The Business Industry Political Action Committee; the Board of Regents of Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa; a member of the Board of Directors of Meridian International Center; a member of the Board of Directors of Jobs for America's Graduates; and a member of the Corporate Board of Advisors for the National Council of LaRaza.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Loras College in 1972 and a juris doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1974. He and his wife, Beverly, and their two children, Joseph and Elizabeth, maintain residences in Burke, Virginia, and Dubuque, Iowa.

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