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September 10, 1996

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Docket No. 960847-TP
Petition by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. for
arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed agreement
with GTE Florida Incorporated concerning interconnection and resale
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies of a Notice of Intent to
Seek Confidential Classification and Motion for Extension to File Request for
Permanent Confidential Classification in the above matter. Service has been made as
indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this matter,
please contact me at (813) 228-3087.

Very truly yours,

Anthony P. Gillman

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential
Document No. 09618-96. The document has
been placed in the confidential files pending
receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by AT&T Communications)
of the Southern States, Inc. for Arbitration)
of Certain Terms and Conditions of a) Docket No. 960847-TP
Proposed Agreement with GTE Florida) Filed: September 10, 1996
Incorporated Concerning Interconnection)
and Resale under the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)
_____)

**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO
SEEK CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
AND
MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE REQUEST FOR
PERMANENT CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) hereby gives notice of its intent to seek confidential classification of certain material produced in its Response to the Petition for Arbitration filed by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) on August 16, 1996. GTEFL also asks the Commission to grant it a one-week extension of the 21-day deadline for filing the request for permanent confidential classification that is to follow this Notice.

The materials covered by this Notice are as follows: (1) GTEFL's cost study and related materials; (2) certain pages from the Direct Testimony of GTEFL witness Dennis Trimble; (3) Exhibits DBT-2, DBT-3, and DBT-4 to Mr. Trimble's Direct Testimony; and (4) certain pages of GTEFL's proposed interconnection and resale contract.

This Notice exempts this material from §119.07(1) of the Florida Statutes and §24(a), Art. 1 of the State Constitution and protects it from public disclosure. All of this information falls within Florida Statutes §364.183(3)(e), which defines the term "proprietary confidential

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business information" to include "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of that information." In a competitive business, any such knowledge obtained about a competitor can be used to the detriment of the entity to which it pertains. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the ultimate detriment of the consumer.

Under the Commission's customary confidentiality procedures, GTEFL is required to follow up this Notice with a request for permanent confidential classification within 21 days. That request is to include a detailed, line-by-line justification for the confidentiality of the materials submitted under the Notice. These materials are very voluminous--more than 650 pages long. Analyzing the documents and drafting the detailed confidentiality justification will thus be extraordinarily time-consuming. At this time, GTEFL has severe constraints on its resources due to the ongoing filings associated with the arbitration provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In the time between filing this Notice and the permanent request, GTEFL must respond to arbitration petitions that have been filed by MCI and Winstar. These responses necessarily must include numerous sets of testimony, exhibits, cost studies, and policy statements, as is apparent from the response GTEFL filed today to AT&T's arbitration petition. During this time, GTEFL will also need to conduct discovery--including participation in depositions scheduled by the Staff--associated with the various companies' arbitration filings. Meanwhile, the Company must also continue to manage and make any necessary filings in the non-arbitration proceedings before the Commission.

GTEFL has only two lawyers to handle all of these tasks. Because of this unusually heavy workload and GTEFL's resource constraints, GTEFL believes it is reasonable to request and receive a one-week extension for filing its permanent request for confidential classification of the materials submitted with this Notice. This short extension will not prejudice AT&T, the only other party to this docket, as it will receive the confidential materials upon execution of a nondisclosure agreement with GTEFL. Staff will receive the confidential documents at issue with this Notice, so the extension would not delay its review of this material.

For all these reasons, GTEFL requests a one-week extension to file its request for permanent confidential classification. This means that the filing will be due on October 8, instead of October 1.

Respectfully submitted on September 10, 1996.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification and Motion for Extension to File Request for Permanent Confidential Classification in Docket No. 960847-TP were hand-delivered on September 10, 1996 to the parties listed below.

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