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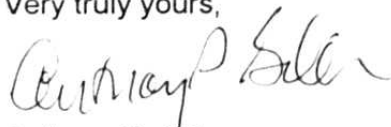
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Re. Docket No. 961173-TP
Petition of Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership
for Arbitration of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with
GTE Florida Incorporated Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act
of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order regarding certain information submitted in response to Sprint's First Set of Interrogatories and Data Requests, No. 1C, for filing 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) 483-2615.

Very truly yours,


Anthony P. Gillman

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Sprint Communications)	Docket No. 961173-TP
Company Limited Partnership for Arbitration)	Filed: December 16, 1996
of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with)	
GTE Florida Incorporated Pursuant to the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	
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GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) seeks confidential classification and a permanent protective order for certain information submitted in response to Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership's First Set of Interrogatories and Data Requests, No. 1C, in this proceeding.

All of this information falls within Florida Statutes §364.183(3)(e), which defines the term "proprietary confidential business information" to include "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of that information." The materials in question are directory assistance and extended area service agreements between GTEFL and United Telephone Company. Because these agreements are not required to be filed with the Commission, their terms and conditions are not subject to public disclosure. In a competitive business, knowledge obtained about a competitor and the agreements it enters can be used to the detriment of all parties to such agreements.

Furthermore, because the information would be disclosed to competitors through a regulatory proceeding--rather than through legitimate market trial and error

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processes—the marketplace will be skewed, to the ultimate detriment of the consumer. This effect is particularly troublesome in the context of this docket, which is intended to set rules for encouraging rational and efficient competition, rather than providing any entity a competitive advantage.

While a ruling on this request is pending, GTEFL understands that the information at issue is exempt from Florida Statutes, Section 119.01(1) and Staff will accord it the stringent protection from disclosure required by Rule 25-22.006(3)(d). One copy of the confidential material, labeled Exhibit A, is attached to the original of this Request. Because GTEFL is designating the entire agreement as confidential, redacted copies are not attached.

Respectfully submitted on December 16, 1996.

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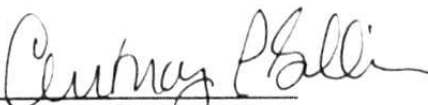
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. 961173-TP were sent via U S mail on December 16, 1996 to the parties listed below.

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