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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the cost of basic local) telecommunications service, pursuant to) Section 364.025, Florida Statutes) Docket No. 980696-TP Filed: August 31, 1998

GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) hereby gives notice of its intent to seek confidential classification of certain material produced in response to the Second Set of Requests for Production of Documents to GTEFL by the Citizens of Florida in this matter. This notice exempts this material from §119.07(1) of the Florida Statutes and §24(a), Art. 1 of the State Constitution and protects this material from public disclosure. GTEFL understands that it must file a request for confidential classification when Citizens notifies GTEFL what confidential information, if any, it plans to use in this proceeding.

All of this information falls within Florida Statutes §364.183(3)(e), which defines the terms "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." 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.

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