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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: September 8, 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 Staff's Second Request for Production of Documents 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. GTE will follow this Notice with a request for confidential classification and protective ord in within 21 days. Highlighted copies of the confidential pages are attached to the original of this Notice.

All of the information at issue comes 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.

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential Document No. <u>097/9-97</u> The document has been placed in the confidential files pending receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

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Respectfully submitted on September 8, 1998.

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