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June 25, 1999

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Re:

Docket No. 990694-TL

Joint Petition to Expand Lifeline Assistance Plan Eligibility Criteria

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and 15 copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition to Intervene 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 813-483-2617.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint Petition to Expand Lifeline)	Docket No. 990694-TL
Assistance Plan Eligibility Criteria)	Filed: June 25, 1999
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<u>PETITION TO INTERVENE</u>

Under Commission Rule 25-22.039, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) asks the Commission to allow GTEFL to intervene in this proceeding. GTEFL is a telecommunications company as that term is defined in Section 364.02 of the Florida Statutes. As such, its regulated intrastate operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Communications in regard to this proceeding should be directed to:

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GTEFL is entitled to intervene in this proceeding because its interests will be substantially and directly affected by the decision here. If the Lifeline program is modified as suggested in the Petition, fraud and bad debt will increase, to the detriment of the general body of customers who pay their bills fully and promptly.

Respectfully submitted on June 25, 1999.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 990694-TL were sent via U. S. mail on June 25, 1999 to the parties on the attached list.

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