

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Initiation of Show Cause) Docket No. 991376-TL
Proceedings Against GTE Florida) Filed: February 25, 2000
Inc. for Violation of Service Standards)
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GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S
NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTE) gives notice of its intent to seek confidential classification of certain information about its tariffed Service Performance Guarantee produced to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) in response to items 8-11 of OPC's First Set of Requests for Production of Documents served upon GTE in this proceeding. This Notice exempts this material from section 119.07(1) of the Florida Statutes and section 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution and protects it from public disclosure. All of the information, concerning GTE's tariffed Service Performance Guarantee, falls within Florida Statutes section 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." 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.

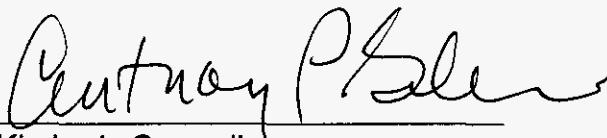

If and when OPC notifies GTE that it intends to use any of this confidential information at the hearing, GTE will file an appropriate request for temporary protective order. If any of the information is admitted into the record at the hearing, GTE will file a

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specific request for permanent protective order within 21 days after the hearing, in accordance with Commission rules 25-22.006(6)(c) and (8)(b).

Respectfully submitted on February 25, 2000.

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