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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into Pricing of
Unbundled Network Elements, Phase II

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**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTE) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information contained in its response to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents (No. 8) in this proceeding. While a ruling on this Request is pending, GTE understands that the information at issue is exempt from Florida Statutes section 119.07(1) and Staff will accord it the stringent protection from disclosure required by Rule 25-22.006(3)(d). A highlighted, unredacted copy of the confidential material is attached to this request as Exhibit A. Redacted copies of the confidential material are attached as Exhibit B.

All of the information for which GTE seeks confidential treatment 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 information." The confidential information at issue is the Service Ready II Agreement for Switching Hardware and Software Between GTE Communication Systems Corporation and Northern Telecom Inc. This agreement contains vendor prices and other contract terms that are considered to be confidential by both GTE and Northern Telecom Inc. Public disclosure of the contract details would undermine GTE's ability to obtain favorable prices and terms from Northern Telecom Inc. and other vendors in the future. Vendors will be less willing to engage in

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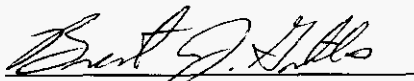
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substantive negotiations with GTE and to agree to favorable terms with GTE if they know that the resulting contract could be made public in a regulatory proceeding. Moreover, in a competitive business, any knowledge obtained about a competitor can be used to the detriment of the entity to which it pertains, often in ways that cannot be fully anticipated. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the ultimate detriment of the telecommunications consumer.

Respectfully submitted on June 5, 2000.

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SERVICE READY II AGREEMENT
FOR
SWITCHING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE
BETWEEN
GTE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION
AND
NORTHERN TELECOM INC.

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Exhibit Notes:

1. TOPS Software Agreement
2. GAPP Agreement
3. Service Ready Agreement Software True-up
4. Full Deployment Agreement

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