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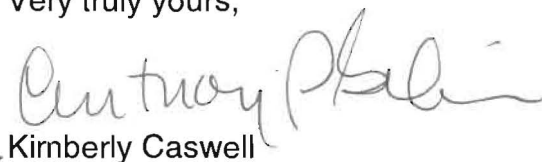
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Re: Docket No.
Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. for Approval of First Amendment to
Interconnection Agreement with GTE Wireless of the South Incorporated

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and five copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s
Petition for Approval of First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with GTE
Wireless of the South Incorporated. The amendment consists of a total of 3 pages.
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.

Very truly yours,


Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. for)
Approval of First Amendment to Interconnection)
Agreement with GTE Wireless of the South)
Incorporated)
_____)

Docket No. 001081-TP
Filed: August 8, 2000

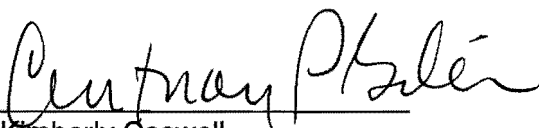
**PETITION OF VERIZON FLORIDA INC. FOR APPROVAL OF
FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
GTE WIRELESS OF THE SOUTH INCORPORATED**

Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon), formerly known as GTE Florida Incorporated, files this petition before the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval of the first amendment to the interconnection agreement with GTE Wireless of the South Incorporated, successor in interest to GTE Mobilnet of Tampa Incorporated. In support of this petition, Verizon states:

The above agreement was approved by the Commission by Order No. PSC-97-1377-FOF-TP issued October 31, 1997 in Docket No. 970951-TP. The attached amendment modifies the language in Article II, Section 1.20 of the agreement relating to "Local Traffic."

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve the attached amendment and that Verizon be granted all other relief proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted on August 8, 2000.

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED
AND
GTE WIRELESS OF THE SOUTH INCORPORATED**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") which became effective October 31, 1997, is by and between GTE Florida Incorporated ("GTE") and GTE Wireless of the South Incorporated, successor in interest to GTE Mobilnet of Tampa Incorporated, on behalf of itself and as General Partner of Florida RSA#1B (Naples) Limited Partnership, ("Wireless"), GTE and Wireless being referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party". This First Amendment covers services in the state of Florida (the "State").

WHEREAS, the Agreement, was approved by the Commission's Order dated October 31, 1997 in Docket No. 970951 (Agreement); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Commission's approval of the Agreement, Wireless and GTE agreed to amend the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252(a)(1) of the Communications Act, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, provisions and covenants herein contained, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Article II, Section 1.20 of the Agreement which stated:

Local Traffic – for purposes of compensation between Parties, means traffic that is originated by an end user of one Party and terminates to the end user of the other Party within the same MTA (Major Trading Area) and, for GTE-originated traffic, within the same LATA, provided that the end user of Wireless receives service on a wireless, mobile basis.

Is hereby modified and replaced with the following language:

Local Traffic – for purposes of compensation between the Parties, means:

(a) GTE Traffic that is originated by a GTE end user customer and terminated to a two-way wireless end user customer of Wireless located within the same MTA. "GTE Traffic" is traffic originated by a GTE end user customer and routed by GTE as part of a GTE retail service offering including, but not limited to, local service, EAS, and intraLATA toll service. GTE Traffic does not include traffic originated by a GTE end user customer that is subsequently routed by another carrier, such as an IXC, as part of a service provided by that other carrier to that GTE end user customer.

(b) Wireless Traffic that is originated by an end user customer of Wireless and terminated to a GTE end user customer located within the same MTA. "Wireless Traffic" is traffic originated by a two-way wireless end user customer of Wireless and routed by Wireless as part of a wireless service of Wireless.

The applicable cell site at the beginning of the call will determine the location of the end user customer of Wireless. Local Traffic excludes Enhanced Service Provider (ESP) traffic (e.g., Internet, 900/976, etc.) and Internet protocol based voice or fax telephony.

2. This First Amendment along with the Agreement and any attachments, addenda, and supplements hereto shall be the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the Parties as to the subject matter of the Agreement and shall be binding upon each of the Parties hereto. If any provision in the Agreement conflicts with this First Amendment, this First Amendment shall control. Neither this First Amendment nor the Agreement may be amended or otherwise modified, except as agreed to in writing by each of the Parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has executed this First Amendment and it shall be effective upon execution by both Parties.*

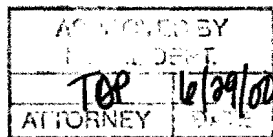
GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED

By: Steven J. Pitterle

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Title: Director-Negotiations
Wholesale Markets

Date: 6/29/00



GTE WIRELESS OF THE SOUTH
INCORPORATED

By: Michael J. McDonough

Name: Michael J. McDonough

Title: Sr. VP Marketing & Sales and
Acting President

Date: June 23, 2000

By: _____

Name: C. Sandwhite

Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: June 23, 2000

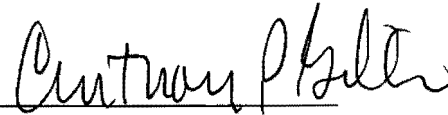
* GTE has agreed to allow this Amendment to become effective upon execution in order to permit Wireless to proceed with implementation of its competitive business strategies and plans prior to the approval of the Amendment by the Commission. Notwithstanding the possible rejection or modification of this Agreement by the Commission, the Parties agree that all of their obligations and duties hereunder shall remain in full force and effect pending the final disposition of the Commission review and approval process.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition For Approval of First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with GTE Wireless of the South Incorporated was sent via overnight delivery on August 7, 2000 to:

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Florida Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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