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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket Nos. 030851-TP and 030852-TP

Implementation of requirements arising from Federal Communications Commission's triennial UNE Review: Local Circuit Switching for Mass Market Customers

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Sincerely,

Please find enclosed for filing an original and 15 copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in connection with the Direct Testimony/Exhibits 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 202-663-6380.

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VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information contained in the Direct Testimony and Exhibits filed in this matter.

All of the information for which Verizon 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." If competitors were able to acquire this detailed and sensitive information regarding Verizon, they could more easily develop entry and marketing strategies to ensure success in competing with Verizon. This would afford them an unfair advantage while severely jeopardizing Verizon's competitive position. 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.

While a ruling on this request is pending, Verizon understands that the information at issue is exempt from Florida Statutes section 119.07(1) and Staff

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will accord it the stringent protection from disclosure required by Rule 25-22.006(3)(d).

One highlighted copy of the confidential information is attached to the original of this Request as Exhibit A. Two redacted copies are attached as Exhibit B. A detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue is attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted on December 4, 2003.

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| E. Taylor | | confidential and proprietary |
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| Page 21 | Lines 3-7 Line 21 | been confidentially maintained by Verizon. Disclosure of this |
| Page 23 Page 36 | Line 6 | information would cause harm to |
| Page 37 | Lines 5, 8, 13, 15, 18 | Verizon by giving its competitors |
| Page 38 | Lines 13, 16 | an unfair advantage in developing, |
| Page 39 | Lines 3, 7, 14 | pricing and marketing their |
| Page 40 | Lines 8, 9 | services. It would be particularly |
| | | unfair to disclose this information |
| Exhibits | | because similar information about |
| | | competitive carriers is not made |
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