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VIA FACSIMILE

DATE: March 20, 1997

TO: J. Jeffrey Wahlen
Gwen G. Jacobs

FROM: Beth Culpepper and Marcia Stover

RE: Docket No. 970114-TP - Petition for arbitration of certain terms and conditions of interconnection agreement with Sprint-Florida, Inc. by Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc., and affiliate Florida Cellular Telephone Corp., pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

While staff realizes that the parties are currently attempting to finalize an agreement, staff is concerned that a couple of key filing dates are fast approaching. Prehearing statements are due Monday, March 24, 1997, and the prehearing is March 31, 1997. The issue identification meeting that was originally scheduled for March 13, 1997, was cancelled in order to allow the parties time to concentrate on finalization of an agreement. Thus, we have no finalized issues in this docket. As such, staff requests that the parties fax to staff an agreed list of the last issues known to be in dispute, unless the parties intend to file a signed agreement on or before Monday, March 24, 1997, or a motion for extension of time. It is our understanding that, at last count, there were only two issues unresolved. The list may be faxed to 413 - 6250. Please respond before 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 1997. Thank you for you assistance in this ongoing process.

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