

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by PASCO COUNTY BOARD) Docket No. 910529-TL
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Extended) Filed: June 8, 1993
Area Service between all Pasco County))
exchanges)
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL PERIOD

In accordance with the Commission's request, GTE Florida Incorporated ("GTEFL") filed traffic study data in this docket on September 26, 1991. By Order No. 25267, dated October 29, 1991, the Commission granted confidential protection to those portions of the data containing competitively sensitive information. Under Florida Administrative Code rule 25-22.006(8)(a), confidential classifications end after an 18-month period. As permitted by rule 25-22.006(8)(c), GTEFL requests an 18-month extension for confidential treatment of the data until October 29, 1994.

Implementation of the extended area service ("EAS") contemplated in this docket will require a waiver of GTE Corporation's Final Judgment ("consent decree"), as well as the Modified Final Judgment that applies to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell"). For this reason, the Commission has postponed the EAS implementation data for affected routes in this docket until 120 days after waivers have been obtained. Order No. PSC-92-1475-FOF-TL (Dec. 21, 1992).

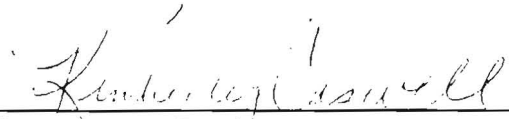
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The United States District Court for the District of Columbia recently denied Southern Bell's waiver request. The U.S. Department of Justice has recommended that the Court reject GTE's request, as well. See Response of the United States in Opposition to GTE's Motion to Permit GTE Florida to Provide InterLATA Message-Rate Extended Area Service, United States v. GTE Corp., Civ. No. 83-1298 (D.D.C. filed Nov. 13, 1992).

This Commission has not been able to order EAS implementation due to the Court's unusually long period of deliberation on the waivers. In the meantime, the customary period for confidential classification of GTEFL's traffic data submitted in this proceeding has expired. An extension of this period is therefore necessary. The reasons for which the Commission granted confidential protection to these data remain unchanged. The information concerns competitive routes and its disclosure would accord an unfair advantage to present and potential competitors. Further, GTEFL obtained the necessary interLATA data from AT&T under a strict protective agreement. See Order 25267 at 1.

Because it is impossible to know when the Court will act on GTE's waiver request, GTEFL believes a significant extension of the period of confidentiality for the traffic data is warranted. GTEFL therefore asks the Commission to grant an additional period of confidential protection of at least 18 months. In any case, if the Court denies the waiver request, GTEFL asks that the Commission return all of the traffic study information.

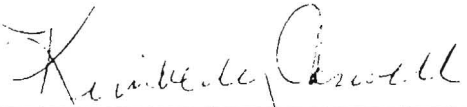
Respectfully submitted on June 8, 1993.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Extension of Confidential Period in Docket No. 910529-TL has been furnished by U.S. Mail the 8th day of June, 1993, to the parties on the attached list.



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