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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 990969-TP

Investigation into space availability for physical collocation at GTE Florida Incorporated's Bradenton office

Dear Ms. Bayo:

I am writing to inform the Commission Staff of recent developments that affect the above-captioned investigation.

On June 14, 1999, Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership (Sprint) filed a complaint against GTE Florida Incorporated (GTE) (Docket No. 990772-TP), asking AFA the Commission to review GTE's contention that there was no space for physical APP collocation in GTE's Bradenton Bay central office. Sprint withdrew its Complaint on CAF wedgly 20, and the associated docket was closed. Nevertheless, Staff has opened its own CMU CTR investigation of the Bradenton Bay central office, based on GTE's previous denial of **EAG** -Sprint's physical collocation request. According to Staff, this investigation assumes LEG that GTE's initial denial was effectively a request for waiver of the physical collocation MAS requirement. OPC PAI

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As a result of the FCC's March 31, 1999, collocation ruling (<u>Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecomm. Capability</u>, FCC 99-48, CC Dkt. No. 98-147), GTE began to reassess the space available for collocation in each of its central offices. As a result of this process, GTE has determined that there is physical collocation space available in the Bradenton Bay central office. Specifically, there are 184 square feet that will accommodate cageless collocation. As such, GTE has changed its position that there is no space for physical collocation in the Bradenton Bay central office. The waiver issue is thus moot. That is, there is no need for a waiver—or an associated investigation—because GTE has determined that it can provide physical collocation under the terms of the FCC's Order. GTE thus asks the Staff to close its investigation into physical collocation space availability in the Bradenton Bay central office.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely, Cluthay P. Gillin

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c: Donna Clemons, Staff Counsel