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Re: Docket Nos. 000500-TP & 000501-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Rhythms Links Inc. are the original and fifteen copies of its Notice of Withdrawal of Arbitration Against GTE Florida.

By copy of this letter, these documents have been furnished to the parties on the attached service list.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Rhythms Links Inc. for an Expedited Arbitration Award Implementing Line Sharing with GTE Florida Incorporated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. ) ) ) ) ) ) Docket No. 000500-TP

In re: Petition of Rhythms Links Inc. for an Expedited Arbitration Award Implementing Line Sharing with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. ) ) ) ) ) ) Filed: June 7, 2000

RHYTHMS LINKS INC. NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF ARBITRATION PETITION AGAINST GTE FLORIDA

RHYTHMS LINKS INC. (Rhythms) hereby gives notice of withdrawal of its petition for arbitration with GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED (GTEFL) regarding line sharing. Rhythms and GTEFL have entered into an amendment to their interconnection agreement which addresses the provision of line sharing. GTEFL will be filing that amendment with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the near future.

While Rhythms does not believe that the amendment properly reflects all of GTEFL's obligations to provide Rhythms with line sharing, the agreement by GTEFL to this amendment has led Rhythms to withdraw its arbitration petition at this time. Therefore, this Notice of Withdrawal is without prejudice to Rhythms' right to petition the Commission to address line sharing issues at a future date, including but not limited

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to Rhythms' right to petition the Commission to initiate a generic proceeding to establish TELRIC-based rates for line sharing or to seek arbitration of line sharing issues in connection with negotiating or arbitrating a follow-up interconnection agreement to the agreement currently in place between Rhythms and GTEFL.

WHEREFORE, Rhythms requests that the Commission enter its order acknowledging Rhythms' withdrawal, without prejudice, of its petition for arbitration of line sharing issues with GTEFL and closing Docket No. 000500-TP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 7th day of June, 2000.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served this 7th day of June, 2000, on the following:

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