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March 10, 2009 - VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 090008-OT Applications for qualified representative status

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above matter is Verizon Florida LLC's Request for Qualified Representative Status for Darrell S. Townsley. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 678-259-1449.

Sincerely,

s/ Dulaney L. O'Roark III

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Applications for qualified representative) status)

Docket No. 090008-OT Filed: March 10, 2009

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE STATUS

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code, Verizon Florida LLC (Verizon) requests that Darrell S. Townsley, Assistant General Counsel, be named a qualified representative of Verizon in this proceeding. Verizon is aware that it can be represented by counsel as defined in Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, and has chosen otherwise.

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit setting forth Mr. Townsley's qualifications. Mr. Townsley's address is 205 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601, telephone number (312) 260-3533.

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully requests that the Florida Public Service Commission grant this request.

Respectfully submitted on March 10, 2009.

By: <u>s/ Dulaney L. O'Roark III</u> Dulaney L. O'Roark III P. O. Box 110, MC FLTC0007 Tampa, Florida 33601-0110 Phone: 678-259-1449 Fax: 678-259-1589 email: <u>de.oroark@verizon.com</u>

Attorney for Verizon Florida LLC

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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AFFIDAVIT OF DARRELL S. TOWNSLEY

I, Darrell S. Townsley, being first duly sworn, state that:

1. I am currently employed by Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc. ("Verizon") as Assistant General Counsel. My address is 205 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, Illinois 60601, telephone number (312) 260-3533.

2. I possess the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Verizon's interests in all docketed and undocketed matters before the Florida Public Service Commission.

3. I am an attorney admitted to practice and a member in good standing of the State Bar of Illinois, Bar No. 6199432. I have practiced extensively before other utility regulatory agencies or authorities. I have knowledge of the Florida Statutes relating to the Commission's jurisdiction. I have knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding. I also have knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relating to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding. I have acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues in these matters and have knowledge of and am in compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code.

Darrell S. Townsley

Assistant General Counsel 205 N. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60601 (312) 260-3533 darrell.townsley@verizon.com

STATE OF THINOIS COUNTY OF ______

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $10^{\frac{11}{10}}$ day of March, 2009.

Camille Jates Notary Public, State of ILLINOIS

My Commission Expires: August 9, 2009



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was sent via U.S. mail on

March 10, 2009 to:

Staff Counsel Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

s/ Dulaney L. O'Roark III