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The Honorable Nancy Argenziano Commissioner Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 080731-TP - Petition by Comcast Phone of Florida, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone for arbitration of an interconnection agreement with Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, pursuant to Section 252 of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 120.57(1), 120.80(13), 364.012, 364.15, 364.16, 364.161, and 364.162, F.S., and Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C.

Dear Commissioner Argenziano:

I'm writing to follow up on a point that came up during last Thursday's pre-hearing conference (which I was unable to attend). You asked whether the parties had discussed stipulating the prefiled testimony and waiving cross-examination of witnesses and, therefore, waiving the hearing. At that time, counsel stated that they did, in fact, have cross-examination questions for each other's witnesses.

We failed to note, however, that Comcast previously asked TDS to agree to stipulate the record and waive cross-examination, as the parties have done in similar interconnection arbitrations between Comcast and TDS affiliates in New Hampshire, Washington, and Indiana. (The Michigan commission proceeded to decision without a hearing and without cross-examination, although it did so over TDS' objection.) Comcast's request was based on the assumption that any waiver of cross-examination would be mutual, so when TDS refused to waive cross-examination of Comcast's witness, Comcast did not pursue the matter further.

Comcast believes that the issues in this case are strictly legal and could be resolved without a hearing on the basis of the information already compiled in this docket if stipulated into the record. Upon further reflection, however, Comcast is now ready to move forward without cross-examination of the TDS witness regardless of whether TDS will do the same for Comcast's witness.

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Such a stipulation is agreeable to Comcast provided the Staff and Commissioners do not have any cross-examination of the TDS witness. If the Commissioners and Staff have questions for the TDS witness, then Comcast would reserve the right to conduct cross-examination.

Respectfully yours,

Floyd R. Self

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cc: Mr. Larry Harris

Parties of Record Commission Clerk

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served on the following parties by Electronic Mail and/or U.S. Mail this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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