BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against GTE
Communications Corporation
(n/k/a Verizon Select Services
Inc.) For apparent violation of
Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., Local,
Local Toll, or Toll Provider
Selection.

DOCKET NO. 990362-TI
ORDER NO. PSC-01-2138-PCO-TI
ISSUED: November 1, 2001

ORDER GRANTING VERIZON'S THIRD MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

On October 30, 2001, Verizon Select Services, Inc. f/k/a GTE Communications Corporation (Verizon) filed a third motion for continuance of the hearing in this docket, which was scheduled to begin on October 31, 2001. Verizon stated that it and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) had negotiated a comprehensive settlement of this case and Docket No. 991376-TL, In re: Initiation of Show Cause Proceedings Against GTE Florida Incorporated for Violation of Service Standards, which they would soon file with the Commission for approval. Verizon asserted that a continuance was necessary to prepare the documentation for the settlement proposal. Verizon also represented that OPC joined in the motion for continuance.

In Order No. PSC-01-1491-PCO-TI, issued July 18, 2001, which granted Verizon's second motion for continuance, I stated that I did not intend to grant another continuance in this docket absent very extraordinary circumstances. I consider a comprehensive negotiated settlement of these two show cause cases to meet that requirement. Therefore, to encourage prompt completion and submission of the settlement proposal, I will continue the hearing in this case until further notice.

It is, therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, that Verizon Select Services, Inc.'s Motion for Continuance is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for October 31, 2001 is continued until further notice.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>1st</u> day of <u>November</u>, <u>2001</u>.

LIĽA A. JABER

Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in

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the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.