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

## Re: Docket No. 960979-TP

WinStar Wireless of Florida, Inc. Petition for Arbitration Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(b) of Interconnection Rates, Terms, and Conditions with GTE Florida Incorporated

Dear Ms. Bayo:

This letter serves as notice to the Commission that the parties to this arbitration proceeding, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) and WinStar Wireless of Florida, Inc. ACK . (WinStar), have agreed to extend the filing date for GTEFL's testimony and associated AFA materials in response to WinStar's arbitration petition by one week. Although no APP procedural order has yet been issued in this case, the Commission's customary CAF practice in these arbitrations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) has been to require filing of testimony and other responsive materials 25 days from service of the CMU\_ arbitration petition. WinStar's petition was filed on August 26, 1996, so that testimony CIR would be due on September 20. This stipulated extension means that testimony and EAG any other responsive materials will be due instead on September 27, 1996. 1 FG LIN RECEIVED & FILED 1. 71 OPC ROLL EPSC-BUREAU OF RECORDS DOCUMENT NOW OF REDATE SEC \_\_\_\_ A part of GTE Corporation 10072 SEP 20 5 WAS OTH ..... FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

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GTEFL has been authorized by WinStar's lawyer, Robert Berger, to represent that WinStar agrees to this extension. Commission counsel and mediator in this case, Martha Brown, supports the extension, which is intended to give the parties additional time to resolve their few remaining differences, thus streamlining the arbitration process.

By agreeing to this extension, the parties do not waive any of their procedural or substantive rights under the Act, Florida law, or Commission rules.

Very truly yours,

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c: Martha Brown, Esq. Robert Berger, Esq. - VIA FACSIMILE