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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Docket Nos. 960847-TP and 960980-TP
Petitions by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.,
MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI Metro Access
Transmission Services, Inc. for arbitration of certain terms and conditions
of a proposed agreement with GTE Florida Incorporated concerning
interconnection and resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's
Request for Extension to Request Confidential Classification for filing in the above
matter. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If you
have any questions, please call me at (813) 228-3087.

Very truly yours,

Anthony P. Gillman

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This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential
Document No. 10891-76. The document has
been placed in the confidential files pending
receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by AT&T Communications)
of the Southern States, Inc. for arbitration)
of certain terms and conditions of a proposed)
agreement with GTE Florida Incorporated)
concerning interconnection and resale under)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)
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Docket No. 960847-TP
Filed: October 10, 1996

In re: Petition by MCI Telecommunications)
Corporation and MCI Metro Access)
Transmission Services, Inc. for arbitration of)
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agreement with GTE Florida Incorporated)
concerning interconnection and resale under)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)
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Docket No. 960980-TP

**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

On September 27, 1996, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) submitted a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification of certain confidential material produced to the Staff in response to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents to GTEFL. Under customary Commission procedures, GTEFL is required to file its detailed Request for Confidential Classification of this material within 21 days from submission of the Notice. GTEFL requests a one-week extension for submission of this detailed Request.

This confidential material covered by the Notice is GTEFL's cost study and supplemental information. It is contained in five large binders. It is over 2000 pages long.

The Commission requires a detailed, page-by-page justification for continued confidential treatment of this information. GTEFL's lawyers will thus have to analyze the Company's 2000-page cost submission to justify the confidentiality of each type of

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information it contains. This will be an extraordinarily time-consuming task—plainly burdensome under even the best of circumstances. Under existing circumstances, this burden will be overwhelming.

The required confidential justification is due on October 18. The hearings in this case are scheduled for October 14 through 16. The respective arbitration petitions of AT&T and MCI triggered very tight procedural deadlines for testimony, discovery, and other actions. GTEFL is still in the process of responding to extensive document requests and interrogatories of AT&T. It will soon receive discovery responses from other parties, which will need to be analyzed before the hearing. In addition, GTEFL must prepare its 16 witnesses for the hearing, which is less than one week away. Meanwhile, GTEFL's two lawyers must also handle all other regulatory matters which arise on a day-to-day basis.

Given this unusually heavy workload, GTEFL's lawyers have not yet been able to start on the confidential justification for the cost study materials. Despite their best efforts, it is unlikely that they will be able to turn to this task before the hearings end, which is the day before the detailed Request for Confidential Classification is due. This effectively leaves no time to work on the request. As such, GTEFL believes it is reasonable to seek and receive a one-week extension for submission of its Request for Confidential Classification with regard to the cost study materials.

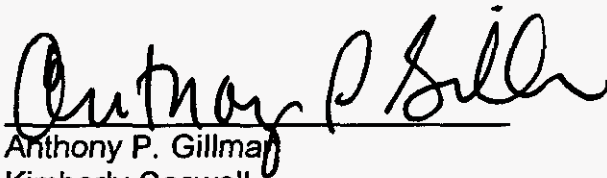
This request is all the more reasonable because GTEFL produced its cost study support early to Staff. It produced the information as soon as possible after receiving Staff's discovery—rather than waiting until the due date for production—because it wanted to ensure Staff had adequate time to review these voluminous documents. Had GTEFL

waited until the deadline for production in accordance with the timetable in the procedural order in this case, the end of the 21-day period would have run later, after the hearings, and GTEFL would not have had a problem completing the request for confidential classification.

For all these reasons, GTEFL asks the Commission to grant it a one-week extension for filing its detailed Request for Confidential Classification with regard to the cost study and supporting materials produced to Staff through discovery on September 26. This means GTEFL's Request will be due on October 25, 1996.

Respectfully submitted on October 10, 1996.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Extension to Request Confidential Classification in Docket Nos. 960847-TP and 960980-TP were sent via overnight delivery on October 9, 1996 to the parties listed below.

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