

1 GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED

2 REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF DOUGLAS E. WELLEMAYER

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5 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

6 A. My name is Douglas E. Wellemeyer. My business address is 4100
7 North Roxboro Road, Durham, North Carolina.

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9 Q. DID YOU FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

10 A. Yes, I did.

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12 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

13 A. My testimony responds to Sprint's position on avoided cost discounts
14 for certain GTE retail services made available for resale.

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16 Q. SHOULD GTE BE REQUIRED TO OFFER FULL RESALE AT
17 WHOLESALE RATES SERVICES TO THE DISABLED, INCLUDING
18 SPECIAL FEATURES OF THAT SERVICE SUCH AS FREE
19 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE CALLS, IF THAT SERVICE
20 IS PROVIDED BY GTE?

21 A. No. GTE should not be required to discount retail rates for "means
22 tested services" (e.g., lifeline, tel-assistance, disabled services).
23 These services are the responsibility of all local services providers on
24 behalf of their end users. Further, it is the ALEC's responsibility to
25 verify and document their own customers' status. ALECs may buy

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residential services and provide discounts to qualifying end users and participate in subsidy pools with all other service providers. This arrangement would be in parity with GTE's own requirements to provide those services.

Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. Yes, it does.