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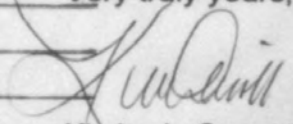
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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director  
Division of Records & Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Re: Docket No.  
GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition for Waiver

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition for Waiver. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If you have any questions, please contact me at (813) 483-2617.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition of GTE Florida Incorporated )  
for a Waiver of Commission Rule 25-4.115)

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed: November 8, 1996

GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S PETITION FOR WAIVER

In accordance with Commission Rule 25-4.002(3), GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) asks the Commission to waive its Rule 25-4.115 to allow GTE to route to itself and charge its tariffed rate for directory assistance (DA) calls from a caller's home NPA to a foreign NPA where both NPAs are in the same LATA. In support of its Petition, GTEFL states:

1. GTEFL is a telecommunications company certificated to do business in Florida. Its regulated operations are subject to this Commission's jurisdiction under Florida Statutes Chapter 364.
2. GTEFL's principal place of business is One Tampa City Center, Tampa, Florida 33601.
3. Communications regarding this Petition should be sent to:

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4. Rule 25-4.115 indicates that the home NPA of the caller is to determine charges for DA calls (and associated routing requirements): "[C]alls within a local calling area or within a customer's [home NPA] shall be at rates prescribed in the General Service Tariff of the local exchange company originating the call." But

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"intrastate calls to directory assistance outside of the caller's [home NPA] shall be at rates prescribed in the General Service Tariff of the interexchange companies."

5. At the time Rule 25-4.115 was adopted, GTE could route DA calls either LATA-wide or NPA-wide and still fully comply with the Rule, because no LATA contained more than one NPA. This is no longer true. The number of NPAs has more than doubled over the past ten years, and a DA call from a caller's home NPA to a foreign NPA does not always involve a call to a different LATA. Thus, strict application of the Rule could have the unintended consequence of making consumers pay more for DA for numbers outside their calling area. For instance, because of GTE's recent 813/941 area code split, a Tampa caller in the 813 area code seeking DA for a 941 number in Lakeland would be forced to pay interexchange rates. In most cases, the interexchange carrier's DA rate is higher than GTE's.

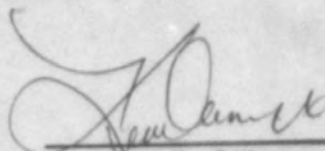
6. In addition, under GTE's existing tariff, callers receive the first three DA calls free. If the Rule is strictly applied, however, and these local calls are routed to an interexchange carrier, customers would be charged the interexchange carrier's rate for all calls.

7. BellSouth asked for and received a similar waiver in Docket 960876-TP. (The Commission voted on the item at its October 29, 1996 agenda session.) The Staff recommendation approved by the Commission confirmed GTEFL's view that "interexchange routing of directory assistance calls within the same LATA is not a result intended by the Commission in enacting Rule 25-4.115." (Staff Rec. at 2.) Because the rationale behind the BellSouth waiver was identical to GTE's reasoning here, the

Commission should grant this Petition as well.

For all the reasons stated in this Petition, GTEFL respectfully asks the Commission to grant GTEFL a waiver of Commission Rule 25-4.115 to allow it to carry and to charge its tariffed rate for DA calls from a caller's home NPA to a foreign NPA where both NPAs are in the same LATA.

Respectfully submitted on November 8, 1996.



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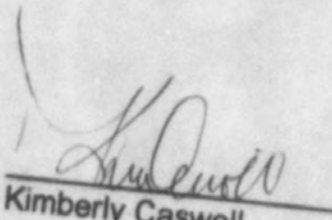
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition for Waiver was hand-delivered on November 8, 1996 to:

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