MEMORANDUM

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TO:

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RE:

DOCKET NO. 970990-TL - PROPOSED TARIFF FILING BY GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE

SARASOTA EXCHANGE INTO THE BRADENTON EXCHANGE

Attached is a NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING, to be issued in the above referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 3)

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cc: Division of Communications

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED

WILLIAM J. MCGINTY, D.V.M.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 970990-TL

IN RE: PROPOSED TARIFF FILING BY GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE SARASOTA EXCHANGE INTO THE BRADENTON EXCHANGE.

ISSUED: February 25, 1998

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing in the above-referenced docket.

The hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Friday, March 27, 1998 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. * Former County Commission Chambers Terrace Building, 101 South Washington Boulevard Sarasota, Florida

* Customers will be given the opportunity to present testimony at the morning session on March 27, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and again at the evening session beginning at 6:00 p.m. The technical portion of the hearing will immediately follow the taking of customer testimony at the morning session.

All customers wishing to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of either the morning or evening session, since sessions may be adjourned early if no customers are present. By providing customer testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code.

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this hearing is to permit parties to present testimony and exhibits regarding GTE Florida Incorporated's proposed tariff to transfer a portion of the Sarasota exchange into the Bradenton exchange and the propriety of surveying the Lakewood Ranch area of the Sarasota exchange.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770, at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Friday, March 13, 1998 9:30 a.m. Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

Please note that the prehearing officer will conduct this prehearing conference via teleconference. Anyone wishing to participate in the prehearing conference by telephone may use the following call-in numbers: Suncom - (850) 291 - 6513

Non Suncom (850) 921 - 6513

If you plan to participate by telephone, please call one of the above call-in numbers five (5) minutes prior to the start of the prehearing conference.

The purpose of this prehearing conference will be to finalize and limit, if possible, the number of issues, to determine what facts may be stipulated, and to address any other procedural matters that may be appropriate.

. . . . NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING DOCKET NO. 970990-TL PAGE 3 JURISDICTION This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding by the provisions of Chapter 364, Florida Statutes. This proceeding will be governed by Chapter 364 in addition to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-4, 25-22 and 25-24, Florida Administrative Code. By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 25th day of February, 1998. BLALCA S. BAYO, Director Division of Records and Reporting (SEAL) BK