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Ms. Blanca Bayo Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL32399-0850

Re: CONFIDENTIAL filing in docket 990362-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

This letter forwards the CONFIDENTIAL supplemental direct testimony and exhibit of R. Earl Poucher for filing in docket 990362-TL. This filing must be treated as confidential for the time being because it contains and discusses documents provided to our office by Verizon that the company claims are confidential. Verizon previously filed notices of intent to seek confidential classification of the documents.

We believe that Verizon must now file a specific request for a protective order pursuant to Commission rule 25-22.006(6)(c). Once Verizon files this request, we will file redacted copies of Mr. Poucher's supplemental direct testimony and exhibit. When the Commission enters a final order on Verizon's request, we will file an update.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck

Deputy Public Counsel

cc: all parties of record (w/out enclosure).

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