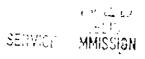
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Re: Docket No. 010795-TP

Petition of Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership for Arbitration with Verizon Florida Inc. f/k/a GTE Florida Incorporated, Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Staff has informed me that the Commission's crowded schedule may make it difficult to complete the above-captioned arbitration within the nine-month period for decision specified in section 252((b)(4)(C) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. As such, Verizon Florida Inc. agrees to waive this statutory deadline. I understand that Sprint has done the same.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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