

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into
pricing of unbundled network
elements (Sprint/Verizon track).

DOCKET NO. 990649B-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0667-CFO-TP
ISSUED: May 15, 2002

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
OF DOCUMENT NO. 05110-02

On May 13, 2002, Verizon Florida Incorporated (Verizon) filed a request for confidential classification. In its request, Verizon seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information produced in its late-filed hearing exhibit. (Document No. 05110-02). Verizon explains that the late-filed hearing exhibit contains the costs for work orders that have been identified as associated with the establishment of the National Market Centers (NMCs) at Durham, North Carolina, Couer d'Alene, Idaho and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, contains a detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue. I understand that Verizon treats this information as confidential and it has not otherwise been released.

Florida law presumes that documents submitted to governmental agencies shall be public records. The only exceptions to this presumption are the specific statutory exemptions provided in the law and exemptions granted by governmental agencies pursuant to the specific terms of a statutory provision. This presumption is based on the concept that government should operate in the "sunshine." Rule 25-22.006(4)(c), Florida Administrative Code, provides that it is the Company's burden to demonstrate that the documents fall into one of the statutory examples set out in Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, or to demonstrate that the information is proprietary confidential information, the disclosure of which will cause the Company or its ratepayers harm.

Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes, in pertinent part, provides:

The term "proprietary confidential business information" means information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that

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the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public.

Based on the definition of proprietary confidential business information in Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes, it appears that the material described herein is proprietary business information in accordance with Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. Disclosure of this information would give its competitors highly strategic information about the timing and magnitude of Verizon's investment in its NMCs, which would give an unfair advantage to Verizon's competitors by enabling them to target their business operating strategy to best compete with Verizon. As such, Verizon's Request for Confidential Classification and a Protective Order of Document No. 05110-02 is hereby granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is

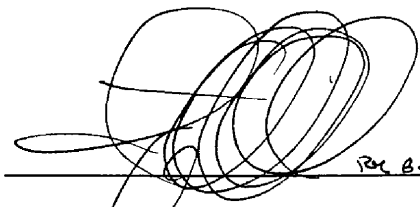
ORDERED by Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, that Verizon Florida Incorporated's Request for Confidential Classification and a Protective Order of Document No. 05110-02, as set forth in Attachment A, is hereby granted and incorporated by reference into this Order. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, the confidentiality granted to the material specified herein shall expire eighteen (18) months from the date of the issuance of this Order, in the absence of a renewed request for confidentiality pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that this Order will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, this 15th Day of May, 2002.



BRAULIO L. BAEZ
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in

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the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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ATTACHMENT A

Verizon Florida Inc.'s Late-Filed Hearing Exhibit
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Exhibit C

Page No.	Line(s)/Column(s)	Reason
2	Column C - all lines	This work order cost data is considered confidential because it would provide Verizon's competitors with highly strategic information about the timing and magnitude of Verizon's investment in its National Market Centers. Such information about Verizon's infrastructure costs would give competitors unfair advantage by enabling them to target their business operating strategy to best compete against Verizon.