

**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re:)
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Petition of Verizon Florida Inc.)
(f/k/a GTE Florida Inc.) against [REMAINDER]
REDACTED)
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_____)

Docket No. 020880 -TP
Filed: August 9, 2002

REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION BY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE

Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon), through its undersigned counsel, submits its Request for Representation by Qualified Representative pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, in the above-referenced proceeding, and states as follows:

1. Verizon is a certified incumbent local exchange carrier and provides service in the state of Florida. Verizon is located at 201 N. Franklin Street, FLTC0007, Tampa, Florida 33602.
2. Any pleading, motion, notice, order or other document required to be served upon the petitioner or filed by any party relative to this Request should be served upon the following individuals:

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3. This Request is filed pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code. Rule 28-106.106(2) requires that Verizon submit a written request to the presiding officer in the event that Verizon elects to be represented before the commission by a qualified representative. Verizon hereby submits such a request.

4. Verizon seeks leave of the presiding officer for the individual identified below to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of Verizon for any purpose and in all matters or proceedings conducted before the Commission in connection with the above captioned docket :

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5. Consistent with Rule 28-106.106(2)(b), Verizon hereby affirms that it is aware of the services Ms. Newman can provide and, further, that Verizon can elect to be represented solely by “counsel,” as that term is defined by Rule 28-106.106(1).

6. Verizon submits that Ms. Newman possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Verizon’s interests in this matter. In this regard, Ms. Newman’s qualifications are set forth in the attached affidavit.

7. As reflected in Ms. Newman’s affidavit, she: (1) is an attorney admitted to practice in the state of Virginia and in the District of Columbia (ii) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission’s jurisdiction; (iii) has reviewed the Florida Rules of

Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; and (iv) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes related to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding.

8. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.107, Ms. Newman has acquired or will acquire actual knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as their representation of Verizon is concerned in the above-referenced proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Verizon Florida Inc. requests that Ms. Newman be permitted to appear as the qualified representative on behalf of Verizon Florida Inc.

Respectfully submitted on August 8, 2002.

By:

Kimberly Caswell / *cc*
by
permission

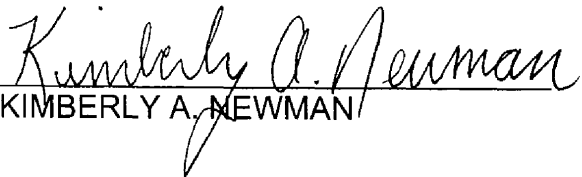
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commissions and before the American Arbitration Association that have involved the examination and resolution of factual and legal issues similar to those under consideration in the above-captioned docket.

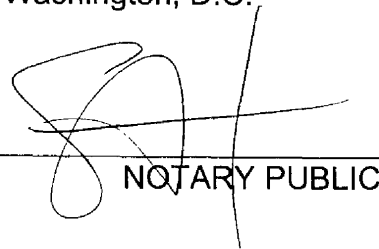
4. I am familiar with the relevant portions of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Florida Administrative Code, and the Florida Rules of Evidence.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct based on my knowledge, information and belief.


KIMBERLY A. NEWMAN

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ss:

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me on this 7th day of August, 2002, by Kimberly A. Newman in Washington, D.C.


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My Commission Expires: 10/14/06

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