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September 17, 2002

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. *020989-TP*  
Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to  
Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement with LecStar Telecom,  
Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and five copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement with LecStar Telecom, Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services, Inc. The amendment consists of one page. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (813) 483-2617.

Very truly yours,

*Kimberly P. Caswell*  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. for Approval )  
of Amendment No. 1 to Interconnection, Resale )  
and Unbundling Agreement with LecStar Telecom, )  
Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services, Inc. )

Docket No. 020989-TP  
Filed: September 17, 2002

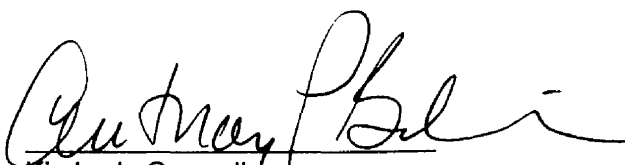
**PETITION OF VERIZON FLORIDA INC. FOR APPROVAL OF  
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO INTERCONNECTION, RESELL AND UNBUNDLING AGREEMENT  
WITH LECSTAR TELECOM, INC. F/K/A EMPIRE TELECOM SERVICES, INC.**

Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) (f/k/a GTE Florida Incorporated) files this petition before the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval of Amendment No. 1 to the interconnection, resale and unbundling agreement with LecStar Telecom, Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services Inc. (LecStar). In support of this petition, Verizon states:

The Verizon/LecStar agreement was approved by the Commission by Order No. PSC-01-0171-FOF-TP issued January 22, 2001 in Docket No. 001665-TP. The attached amendment adopts the reciprocal compensation plan put forth in the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68.

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve the attached amendment and that Verizon be granted all other relief proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted on September 17, 2002.

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Attorney for Verizon Florida Inc.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

to the

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

between

VERIZON FLORIDA INC., f/k/a GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED

and

LECSTAR TELECOM, INC. F/K/A EMPIRE TELECOM SERVICES, INC.

This Amendment (the "Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Florida Inc., f/k/a GTE Florida Incorporated and LecStar Telecom, Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services, Inc. for the state of Florida (the "Agreement") is effective June 14, 2001.

Notwithstanding any possible contrary construction of this Agreement, Internet Traffic shall not be eligible for payment of Reciprocal Compensation under this Agreement. The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet traffic shall be governed by the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives.

LecStar Telecom, Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services, Inc.

Verizon Florida Inc.

By: Michael E. Britt

By: Jeffrey A. Masoner

Printed: Michael E. Britt

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Title: President and COO

Title: Vice-President - Interconnection Services Policy & Planning

Date: 7/29/02

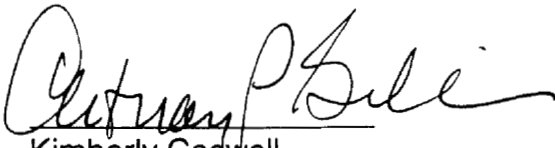
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition For Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement with LecStar Telecom, Inc. f/k/a Empire Telecom Services, Inc. was sent via overnight delivery(\*) on September 16, 2002 and U.S. mail(\*\*) on September 17, 2002 to:

Staff Counsel(\*)  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

LecStar Telecom, Inc.(\*\*)  
Attention: Michael E. Britt  
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4501 Circle 75 Parkway  
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