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Re: Docket No. 981834-TP
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Docket No. 990321-TP
Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a Accelerated Connections, Inc. for generic
investigation to ensure that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint-Florida,
Incorporated, and GTE Florida Incorporated comply with obligation to provide
alternative local exchange carriers with flexible, timely, and cost-efficient
physical collocation

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s
Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in connection
with Verizon's response to Staff's Seventh Request for Production of Documents
(No. 74) in the above matters. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate
of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 813-
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission) Docket No. 981834-TP
Action to Support Local Competition in BellSouth) Filed: May 27, 2003
Telecommunications Inc.'s Service Territory)
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Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a Accelerated Connections,) Docket No. 990321-TP
Inc. for generic investigation to ensure that BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint-Florida,)
Incorporated, and GTE Florida Incorporated comply)
with obligation to provide alternative local exchange)
carriers with flexible, timely, and cost-efficient)
physical collocation)
_____)

VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information contained in its response to Staff's Seventh Request for Production of Documents (No. 74) filed in this matter.

All of the information for which Verizon seeks confidential treatment falls within Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(e), which defines the term, "proprietary confidential business information," to include "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information." If competitors were able to acquire this detailed and sensitive information regarding Verizon, they could more easily develop entry and marketing strategies to ensure success in competing with Verizon. This would afford them an unfair advantage while severely jeopardizing Verizon's competitive position. In a competitive business, any knowledge obtained about a competitor can be used to the detriment of the entity to which it pertains, often in

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ways that cannot be fully anticipated. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the ultimate detriment of the telecommunications consumer.

While a ruling on this request is pending, Verizon understands that the information at issue is exempt from Florida Statutes section 119.07(1) and Staff will accord it the stringent protection from disclosure required by Rule 25-22.006(3)(d).

One highlighted copy of the confidential information is provided on the attached proprietary CD as Exhibit A. A redacted copy is provided on the attached CD as Exhibit B. A detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue is attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted on May 27, 2003.

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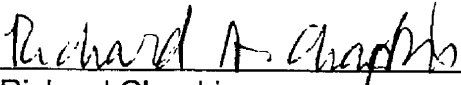
Attorney for Verizon Florida Inc.

EXHIBIT C

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POD No. 74 (562)	All highlighted text	<p>This information is derived from Verizon employee salary and labor rates. Unilateral disclosure of these rates could adversely affect Verizon's ability to compete for talent in the marketplace.</p> <p>This information contains the detailed cost components underlying discrete basic collocation design and function. Disclosure of such detailed costs for such small pieces of collocation design would give competitors an advantage in designing their networks and in competing against Verizon in the most efficient manner. The fact that Verizon cannot obtain such knowledge about its competitors exacerbates the unfairness of disclosing this detailed cost information.</p>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP were sent via electronic mail and U.S. mail on May 27, 2003 to the parties on the attached list.


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