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Re: In re: Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. (f/k/a GTE Florida Inc.) against Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and TCG South Florida, for review of a decision by The American Arbitration Association in accordance with Attachment 1 Section 11.2(a) of the Interconnection Agreement between GTE Florida Inc. and TCG South Florida, Docket No. 030643-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed are the original and two (2) copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s confidential unredacted Opposition to Motion to Dismiss of Teleport Communication Groups, Inc. and TCG South Florida with exhibits ("Opposition to Motion to Dismiss") to be filed under confidential seal in the referenced proceeding. The unredacted Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and copies thereof have been filed under seal in accordance with the confidentiality procedures agreed upon by the parties and the Commission staff. Verizon considers this to be confidential material that should be exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the Florida Constitution, and respectfully requests that the Commission treat this material confidential pending the Commission's review of its assertions of confidentiality. Also enclosed for filing are the original and seven (7) public redacted copies of the Opposition to Motion to Dismiss with exhibits.

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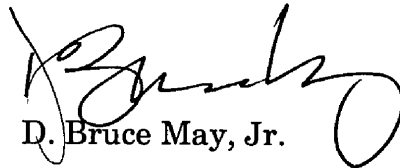
In addition to the foregoing, enclosed for filing are the original and seven (7) copies of the following:

- 1) Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument; and
- 2) Notice of Appearance of D. Bruce May, Jr. with Holland & Knight LLP as co-counsel for Verizon.

For our records, please acknowledge your receipt of this filing on the enclosed copy of this letter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bruce May, Jr.", written over the typed name below.

D. Bruce May, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Felicia Banks (via hand-delivery)
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