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Re: Docket No. 030867-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of Citizens' Motion to Hold, and to Expedite the Scheduling of, Public Hearings.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by Verizon Florida, Inc.  
To Reduce Its Network Access Charges  
Applicable To Intrastate Long Distance  
In A Revenue-Neutral Manner

Docket No. 030867-TL  
Filed: August 28, 2003

**CITIZENS' MOTION TO HOLD,  
AND TO EXPEDITE THE SCHEDULING OF,  
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Citizens of Florida ("Citizens"), through the Office of Public Counsel and pursuant to Section 120.57(1) (b), Florida Statutes (2002), Rules 28-106.204, 28-106.206, and 28-106.211, Florida Administrative Code, hereby file their motion seeking the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") to hold and to expedite the scheduling of public hearings in the instant proceeding. In support of this request, Citizens state that:

- 1) On August 27, 2003, Verizon Florida, Inc. ("Company") filed its petition with the Commission, pursuant to section 364.164, Florida Statutes (2003), to reduce its network access charges applicable to intrastate long distance in a revenue-neutral manner.
- 2) If its petition is granted by the Commission, the Company would be authorized to "immediately implement a revenue category mechanism consisting of basic local telecommunications service revenues and intrastate switched network access revenues to achieve revenue neutrality." Section 364.164(2).
- 3) The result of a reduction in the Company's intrastate switched network access charges will be an increase in the Company's basic local rates

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for its residential customers. Consequently, the substantial interests of the Company's residential customers are at stake in this proceeding.

4) Before reaching a decision on the Company's petition, the Commission must consider, among other things, whether by granting its petition, the Company's residential customers will be benefited. Section 364.164(1) (a).

5) The Commission has the discretion to convene customer hearings to be included in any docket when it is appropriate for the proceeding. Section 120.57(1) (b).

6) Additionally, the Legislature, in considering the bill that created section 364.164, appears to have anticipated that the Commission would hold public hearings before the telecommunications companies' residential customers prior to rendering a decision on the companies' petitions. For example, during the House floor debate regarding Committee Substitute for Senate bill S654, Representative Clarke queried: "Does this process with the Public Service Commission involve public hearings and time for the public to make their voices known?" Representative Mayfield, Chair of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications, responded: "Absolutely, Representative Clarke. It is a completely open process which the Public Service Commission will follow. . . ."

7) The Citizens believe that it is both appropriate and important for the Commission to provide that window of opportunity for the Company's residential customers to provide input into the Commission's decision-making process in this proceeding.

8) Because section 364.164 establishes an extremely limited time frame for the conclusion of this proceeding, it is crucial that the public hearings be quickly scheduled and formally noticed. Section 364.164(1) provides that once a local exchange telecommunications company petitions this Commission to reduce its intrastate switched network access rates in a revenue-neutral manner, the Commission shall issue its final order either granting or denying such petition within 90 days.

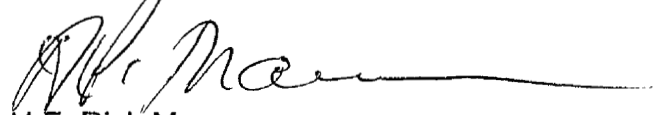
9) Rule 28-102.001, requires at least seven days notice be given for any public meeting.

10) Accordingly, the Citizens propose that customer hearings be noticed without delay and held in this docket in the following cities: Tampa; St. Petersburg; and Sarasota.

**Wherefore**, the Citizens respectfully move this Commission to hold, and to expedite the scheduling of, public hearings in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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