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Re: Docket No. 981834-TP
Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission Action to Support Local
Competition in BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s Service Territory

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 pages 45, 46, 53 and Exhibits BKE-1 and BKE-10 to the Surrebuttal Testimony of
Barbara K. Ellis 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 813-483-1256.

Sincerely,

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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: September 25, 2003
Telecommunications Inc.'s Service Territory)
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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)
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**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 pages 45, 46, 53 and Exhibits BKE-1 and BKE-10 to the Surrebuttal Testimony of Barbara K. Ellis 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." The confidential information consists of third-party vendor/contractor sourced information, employee labor rates included in the cost study computations as well as the cost study methodology itself.

If competitors were able to acquire this detailed and sensitive costing 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

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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 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 proprietary CD containing Exhibits BKE-1 and BKE-10 is attached to the original of this Request as Exhibit A. One redacted CD and two redacted copies of pages 45, 46, 53 and Exhibit BKE-10 are attached as Exhibit B. A detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue is also attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted on September 25, 2003.

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EXHIBIT C

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Exhibit BKE-1	All highlighted text	<p>The information contained in these files constitutes and is derived from algorithms and/or contractual prices provided to Verizon from third party vendors. Verizon's contractual obligations to those parties include the obligation not to disclose or distribute such proprietary or confidential information. Aside from violating contract terms, disclosure of this information would harm Verizon's future ability to contract for goods and/or services on favorable terms.</p> <p>This information also 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> <p>This information also contains central office and outside plant-specific data. Disclosure of this information gives competitors an unfair 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</p>

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		<p>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>
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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 September 25, 2003 to the parties on the attached list.

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