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Mr. Steve C. Tribble, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0865

Re: Docket No. 891278-PU Amendment of Rule 25-14.003, F.A.C., Corporate Income Tax Expense Adjustment: Midpoint and Additional Changes

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AFA ___ Dear Mr. Tribble:

APP _____Please find enclosed for filing the original and 15 copies CAF _____Of GTEFL'S Comments and Request for Hearing for filing in the above-referenced matter.

CTR _____Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions with regard to this EAG _____matter, please contact the undersigned at 813-228-3087.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Amendment of Rule 25-14.003,)
F.A.C., Corporate Income Tax Expense)
Adjustment: Midpoint and Additional)
Changes.
Docket No. 891278-PU
Filed: 12/22/89

COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

Comes now GTE Florida Incorporated ("GTEFL") pursuant to the Notice of Rulemaking issued by the Commission in Order No. 22237 on November 29, 1989, and tentatively requests that this Commission hold a hearing on January 29, 1990. In support thereof, GTEFL states as follows:

1. GTEFL is a "telephone company" as that term is defined in Section 364.02(4) Fla. Stat. (1987). As such, its regulated intrastate operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

 Correspondence and contacts regarding this pleading should be directed to:

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3. The Commission's "Notice of Rulemaking" issued on November 29, 1989, contains a proposed amendment to the definition of the term "midpoint." In changing the definition, the Commission has proposed that a zero cost rate be used for investment tax credits in determining the overall weighted average cost of capital.

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4. GTEFL is in the process of determining whether the utilization of a zero cost rate for investment tax credits in Commission Rule 25-14.003 constitutes a violation of the Internal Revenue Code and its applicable provisions concerning eligibility violations related to investment tax credits. GTEFL's analysis is not yet complete and the Company files this Request for Hearing in order to preserve its procedural rights. The Company will ascertain its final position as soon as possible. If the determination is made that no code violation exists, this Request for Hearing will be withdrawn at the Company's earliest opportunity. If it is the Company's determination that a code violation exists, the Company will appear on January 29, 1990, for the purpose of explaining its position to the Commission through the utilization of prepared testimony sponsored by a tax expert.

WHEREFORE, GTE Florida Incorporated hereby requests that the Florida Public Service Commission hold a hearing on January 29, 1990, as set forth in its Notice of Rulemaking subject to the Company's final determination regarding Internal Revenue Code violations.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of December, 1989.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of GTE Florida Incorporated's Comments and Request for Hearing in Docket No. 891278-PU has been furnished by United States mail this the 22nd day of December, 1989, to:

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