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Dear Mr. Tribble:

Re: **Docket No. 900959-TP**
Amendment of 25-4.107, F.A.C., Information to
Customers, and Rule 25-4.108, F.A.C., Initiation of
Service pertaining to extended payment plans for the
payment of service connection charges

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APP 1 Please find enclosed the original and 15 copies of GTE

CAF 1 Florida Incorporated's Comments for filing in the above-
stated matter.

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CTR _____ Service has been made as indicated on the attached
Certificate of Service. If there are any questions with
EAG _____ regard to this matter, please contact the undersigned at
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LIN 6 Very truly yours,

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OTH _____ Enclosures

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: Amendment of 25-4.107, F.A.C.,)
Information to Customers, and Rule)
25-4.108, F.A.C., Initiation of) Docket No. 900959-TP
Service pertaining to extended payment) Filed: September 3, 1991
plans for the payment of service)
connection charges)
_____)

COMMENTS OF GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED

GTE Florida Incorporated ("GTEFL") hereby submits its comments on the final version of the proposed rules in the above-referenced docket.

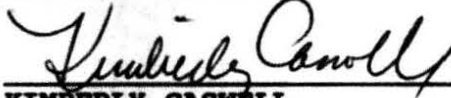
In its initial comments in this proceeding, GTE Florida Incorporated ("GTEFL") pointed out that there is no evidence to support institution of rules mandating blanket notification of an extended payment plan. Carriers' current notification procedures are reasonable and continue to work well. Adoption of the proposed rules would impose significant, unjustified costs upon telephone companies and their customers.

Should the Commission, however, adopt some form of new notification rule, GTEFL concurs in United's substitute language for Rule 25-4.107. That language would trigger notification when a customer indicates an inability to pay or requests payment terms. See United Post Hearing Comments at 6-7. This qualifier assures notification to those individuals who truly need a payment plan, without unduly raising the LECs' costs. Without language such as that proposed by United, there is simply no way to ensure that customers will not opt for time payment simply to gain the time value of money.

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Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of September, 1991.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the Comments of GTE Florida Incorporated in Docket No. 900959-TP was furnished by U.S. mail on the 3rd day of September, 1991, to the parties on the attached list.



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