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September 27, 1996 - VIA FACSIMILE

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
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Re: Docket No. 960847-TP  
Petition by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. for  
arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed agreement  
with GTE Florida Incorporated concerning interconnection and resale  
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Re: Docket No. 960980-TP  
Petition by MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI Metro Access  
Transmission Services, Inc. for arbitration of certain terms and conditions  
of a proposed agreement with GTE Florida Incorporated concerning  
interconnection and resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

On September 26, 1996, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) submitted certain confidential cost study information in response to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents to GTEFL. That information was accompanied by a cover letter notifying the Commission that GTEFL would file a permanent request for confidential classification within 21 days after the close of the hearing. This is the procedure provided for under Commission Rule 25-22.006(5). However, Diana Caldwell, Staff legal counsel, has informed GTEFL that it should have followed 25-22.006(6), instead

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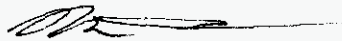
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of 25-22.006(5), with regard to the information at issue. The confidentiality rules are new and some of their applications, in GTEFL's experience, are yet untested. As such, GTEFL believes its misinterpretation was reasonable.

Accompanying this letter is a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification of the cost study information filed on September 26. Please associate this Notice with that filing. The Notice will continue to ensure that GTEFL's confidential information is protected from public disclosure. GTEFL will file its detailed request for confidential classification within 21 days.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this misapprehension may have caused the Commission. Please contact me if you have any questions or problems. The original of this letter and Notice will be sent via overnight delivery.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Caswell

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Attachments

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Tracy Hatch (w/a via facsimile)  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

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This Notice exempts this material from §119.07(1) of the Florida Statutes and §24(a), Art. 1 of the State Constitution and protects it from public disclosure. All of this information falls within Florida Statutes §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 that information." Cost studies are typically granted confidential protection by the Commission

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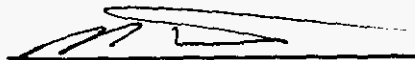
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because their public disclosure would, among other things, allow competitors to discern the producing company's cost structure and profit margins, enabling those competitors to devise entry and marketing strategies without the usual marketplace trial and error. In a competitive business, any such knowledge obtained about a competitor can be used to the detriment of the entity to which it pertains. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the ultimate detriment of the consumer.

Under the Commission's customary confidentiality procedures, GTEFL will follow up this Notice with a request for permanent confidential classification within 21 days.

Respectfully submitted on September 27, 1996.

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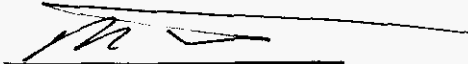
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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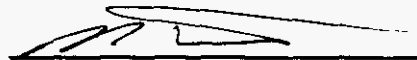
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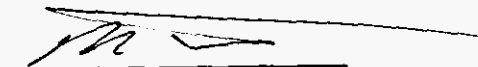
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