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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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

Dear Ms. Bayo:

With this letter, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) withdraws its Motion for Extension to File Request for Permanent Confidential Classification, which was filed on September 10, 1996 along with GTEFL's cost study and a Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification.

The Notice of Intent and Motion for Extension were filed with the understanding that the confidential information submitted fell under Commission Rule 25-22.006(6). After a clarification from Staff counsel, Diana Caldwell, GTEFL concluded that the confidential cost study should have been filed instead under section 25-22.006(5), because it was produced in response to AT&T's arbitration petition, rather than through discovery. Therefore, under the Commission's Rules, GTEFL need not file for permanent confidential classification until 21 days after the hearing in this case (assuming the

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confidential information is introduced into evidence). This means GTEFL will have a longer period to complete the Request for Permanent Confidential Classification than it originally thought. The Motion for Extension is thus no longer necessary.

The Notice of Intent will continue to protect GTEFL's confidential information from disclosure until GTEFL submits the Request for Permanent Confidential Classification. Please contact me as soon as possible if I have misstated the application of the Commission's confidentiality rules in this instance. GTEFL apologizes for any inconvenience that withdrawal of its Motion may have caused the Commission, but many of the provisions of the recently adopted confidentiality rules are, in GTEFL's experience, as yet untested.

Sincerely, July P. Sillin

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