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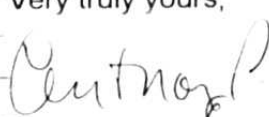
December 18, 1996

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. **961173-TP**
Petition of Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership
for Arbitration of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with
GTE Florida Incorporated Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act
of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's
Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification in connection with the Late-Filed
Exhibit No. 14 of Bert Steele for filing in the above matter. Service has been made as
indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this matter,
please contact me at (813) 483-2615.

Very truly yours,

Anthony P. Gillman

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential Document No. 13543-96. The document has been placed in the confidential files pending receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

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A part of **GTE Corporation**

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Sprint Communications)	Docket No. 961173-TP
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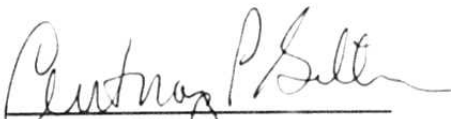
**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S
NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) hereby gives notice of its intent to seek confidential classification of the Late-Filed Exhibit No. 14 of Bert Steele, which Staff requested at the hearing in this matter.

The materials covered by this Notice consist of confidential depreciation information. 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." 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.

GTE will follow up this Notice with a request for permanent confidential classification within 21 days. That request will include a detailed, line-by-line justification for the confidentiality of the materials submitted under the Notice.

Respectfully submitted on December 18, 1996.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the Late-Filed Exhibit No. 14 of Bert Steele and Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification in Docket No. 961173-TP were sent via U.S. mail on December 18, 1996 to the parties listed below.

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