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Re: Docket No. 961537-TP

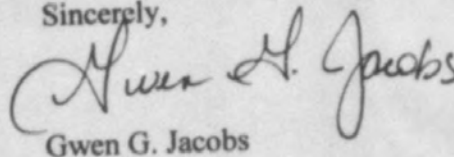
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of American Communications Services, Inc. is an original and fifteen copies of American Communications Services, Inc.'s Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration in the above-referenced docket.

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gwen G. Jacobs

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by American Communications)
Services, Inc., and American Communications)
Services of Jacksonville, Inc. for)
Arbitration with GTE Florida, Inc.,)
pursuant to the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)
_____)

Docket No.: 961537-TP
Filed: March 19, 1997

**AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.'S
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR ARBITRATION**

American Communications Services, Inc., and American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. ("ACSI"), through its undersigned herewith gives notice of withdrawal of the Petition filed by ACSI in this docket and states:

1. ACSI filed a Petition for Arbitration pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(b) on December 26, 1996. In its Petition ACSI sought arbitration of a limited number of issues.
2. On or about March 19, 1997, ACSI and GTEFL reached an agreement in principal on those issues. That agreement will be presented to the PSC for approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(1) and 252(e)(2)(A).

WHEREFORE, ACSI withdraws its Petition for Arbitration in Docket No. 961537-TP for the reasons stated herein.

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Dated this 19th day of March, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
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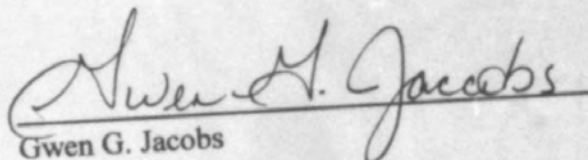
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of American Communications Services, Inc.'s Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration in Docket No. 961537-TP has been furnished by Hand Delivery (*) and/or Overnight Delivery (**) on this 19th day of March, 1997 to the following parties of record:

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