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June 30, 1997

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
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Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Sprint-Florida, Incorporated (Sprint) and GTE-Florida, Incorporated (GTE) participate in a number of arrangements in the state of Florida which have required the interconnection of their respective networks pursuant to written agreement. This letter shall serve as notice that as of this date, Sprint and GTE are currently in negotiations regarding these arrangements. While these negotiations are on-going, final resolution on all outstanding issues has not been reached by the June 30, 1997, deadline for the filing of incumbent local exchange company interconnection agreements as set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, Section 51.303.

As of July 1, 1997, these arrangements will still be in place, however, Sprint hereby confirms that as of March 21, 1997, the agreement relating to the arrangements was canceled. The new agreements which result from the current negotiations will be retroactive to July 1, 1997.

By letter dated March 4, 1997, GTE initiated an interconnection request with Sprint (copy attached). Pursuant to this request, Sprint may, at its discretion, file an arbitration request if needed with the Florida Public Service Commission to resolve outstanding issues arising from the negotiations pursuant to the time frames established under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Because any interruption in existing arrangements pending final resolution of the Parties' negotiations/arbitration would cause harm and inconvenience to numerous end user customers, it is Sprint's intention, to continue the provision of services during this period of continued negotiations/arbitration.

Respectfully

F. Ben Poag

Attachment

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March 4, 1997

Mr. Bill Baxley
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Sprint Local Division
2330 Shawnee Mission Parkway
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Dear Mr. Baxley:

Subject: REVISED ILEC INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

In response to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and subsequent FCC order in Docket No. 96-98, GTE has drafted the attached Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) Interconnection Agreement. This agreement is designed to be an interconnection agreement between two ILECs to be filed with state commissions by June 30, 1997. Class A ILECs are directed by the FCC order to file such agreements by this date. According to our information, GTE and Sprint currently interconnect as Class A ILECs in the following states:

Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon,
Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington

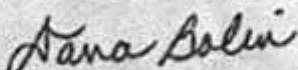
The attached agreement is basically GTE's competitive LEC (CLEC) agreement with the resale and unbundling sections removed. This leaves an interconnection agreement that addresses the same interconnection arrangements that are addressed in CLEC agreements. This includes local interconnection (EAS between ILECs), intraLATA toll, meet-point billing (switched access), third-party traffic (including cellular traffic), operator services, directory listings, 911, SS7, busy line verification and interrupt, directory distribution, and access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way. GTE feels that new ILEC Interconnection Agreements must address the same arrangements as CLEC Interconnection Agreements. However, not all of these interconnection arrangements may be applicable in each of the states listed above. Since each state may have unique situations which may need to be addressed, GTE envisions that the attached agreement would have to be customized to some degree for each state.

After you have reviewed the attached agreement, GTE would propose that we establish a meeting to discuss Sprint's reaction to GTE's proposal and draft agreement. Since June 30, 1997, is rapidly approaching, your prompt attention and response is needed.

Mr. Bill Baxley
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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the attached agreement, or when you are ready to establish a meeting, please call me at 972/718-7584.

Sincerely,



Dana T. Bolin
Manager-Local
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Attachment

c. Distribution List

March 4, 1997

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