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Ms. Ann Shelfer Communications Division Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Via Hand Delivery

Re:

FPSC Docket No.970809-TI

Dear Ms Shelfer:

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Pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-0982-FOF-TP, St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company is filing on behalf of itself, Gulf Telephone Company and The Florala Telephone Company, Inc. ("the Companies") labels which could be placed on the existing tariffs of the Companies to reflect the new name GTC, Inc. It is the request of the Companies that these labels not be placed on their tariffs for two reasons.

First, the merger which has been approved has not yet been consummated, and will not be consummated for at least several weeks. Thus, there are still three separate companies which have their individual tariffs. The rule referred to by the Commission in the consolidation order, Rule 25-9.044, Florida Administrative Code, envisions the filing of labels or new tariff sheets after the ACK merger. Simply stated, it is premature to use the labels until the merger is accomplished. AFA

Second, when the merger is accomplished, it is currently the intent for GTC, Inc. to do business under the name GTCom. If that continues to be the Company's intent, the labels which should be placed on the tariff sheets should be GTC, Inc. d/b/a GTCom. CMU

Once the ultimate decision is made as to the d/b/a for the company and before the merger is accomplished, the Company will substitute a new set of labels for those filed today. Once the merger is completed, GTC, Inc. will inform the Commission so that the new labels can be placed on the tariff sheets, and the labels being forwarded today can be desiroyed.

If this arrangement causes any confusion, please feel free to call me. I am out of the office

today but can be reached, if necessary, through my office. SE

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We will inform Staff promptly of the d/b/a name for GTC, Inc. And the effectuation of the merger.

Very truly yours,

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