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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 971375-TP
Request for approval of sale of outstanding stock and merger of MCI Comm Corp. (Holder of AAV/ALEC Certificate 2986 in the name MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc.; and IXC Certificate 61, PATS Certificate 3080, and AAV/ALEC Certificate 3996 in the name MCI Telecommunications Corp) with WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom

Dear Ms. Bayo:

ACK _____ Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's
AFA _____ Petition to Intervene for filing in the above matter. Service has been made as indicated
APP _____ on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please
CSE _____ contact me at (813) 483-2617.

CMI _____ Very truly yours,
CTR _____
FND _____ *Kimberly Caswell/tas*

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of sale of outstanding stock and merger of MCI Comm. Corp. (Holder of AAV/ALEC Certificate 2986 in the name MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc.; and IXC Certificate 61, PATS Certificate 3080, and AAV/ALEC Certificate 3996 in the name MCI Telecommunications Corp.) with WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom

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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Under Commission Rule 25-22.039, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) asks the Commission to allow GTEFL to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, GTEFL states as follows:

1. GTEFL is a telecommunications company as that term is defined in Section 364.02 of the Florida Statutes. As such, its regulated intrastate operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Communications in regard to this proceeding should be directed to

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3. This proceeding was initiated upon a letter from WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) advising the Commission of its proposal to acquire MCI Communications Corp. (MCI) through a stock tender. It appears that the Commission is treating that letter as a request by WorldCom for approval of its proposed merger with MCI.

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GTE Corporation (GTEFL's parent company) has also proposed to acquire MCI, by means of an all-cash offer for MCI's stock. GTE's and WorldCom's competing bids are now under consideration by MCI.

4. Because GTE and WorldCom are directly competing for control of MCI, any decision the Commission makes in this proceeding will necessarily affect GTEFL's substantial interests. Therefore, GTE Florida Incorporated asks the Florida Public Service Commission to approve this request for intervention.

Respectfully submitted on November 5, 1997.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 971375-TP were sent via U.S. mail on November 5, 1997, to the parties on the attached list.

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