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GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF LAURA BREVARD
DOCKET NOS. 960847-TP AND 960980-TP

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Laura Brevard. My business address is 600 Hidden Ridge Drive, Irving, Texas.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION THERE?

A. I am employed by GTE Telephone Operations as Section Manager - Costing. In this capacity, I am responsible for preparation of cost studies required of GTE operating companies by the public utilities commissions for the Virginia Region, the South Region and the Florida Region.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

A. I have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Angelo State University, and have attended various costing and pricing courses presented by GTE, BellCore and Indetec. I joined GTE in 1981 with GTE Southwest Incorporated. During my career at GTE, I have held various positions of increasing responsibility in regulatory accounting, marketing services, and pricing and costing,

1 with the last six years in the area of cost calculation. I assumed my
2 present position in January 1997.

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4 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS**
5 **PROCEEDING?**

6 A. In its January 17, 1997 arbitration order in this docket, PSC-97-0064-
7 FOF-TP, the Commission directed GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL)
8 to submit cost studies, within 60 days of the order, for certain items
9 that were not covered in GTEFL's original cost studies filed at the
10 outset of the arbitration. These items include: operator systems;
11 directory assistance service; 911 service; AIN capabilities; loop
12 feeder, loop distribution; and 4-wire analog port . (Jan. 17 Order at
13 34.) I will support the cost studies for these items. (Although
14 operations support systems (OSS) was included in the list of studies
15 to be filed later, the parties have agreed that prices for OSS
16 interfaces will not be addressed in this proceeding.) Another GTEFL
17 witness will testify to the appropriate prices for these items.

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19 **Q. IS THE METHODOLOGY UNDERLYING THE COST STUDIES AN**
20 **ISSUE IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

21 A. No. GTE's total element long-run incremental cost (TELRIC)
22 methodology was already addressed in the arbitration proceeding,
23 and resolved in the arbitration order. There, the Commission found
24 "that GTEFL's cost studies are appropriate because they approximate
25 TSLRIC cost studies and reflect GTEFL's efficient forward-looking

1 costs." The Commission thus concluded that GTEFL's studies (rather
2 than AT&T or MCI's proposed methodologies) should be used to set
3 permanent rates. (Jan. 17 Order at 34.) The studies GTEFL
4 submitted as part of this proceeding use the same methodology as
5 the studies GTEFL filed in the arbitration. The only issues identified
6 by the parties and remaining for resolution here are what prices
7 should be set for the designated items, based upon GTEFL's studies.
8 As I noted, GTEFL's pricing witness will address those issues.

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Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

A. Yes, it does.