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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

970990

In re: Proposed tariff filing)
By GTE Incorporated to)
transfer a portion of the Sarasota)
exchange into the Bradenton)
exchange)

Docket No. 97099-TL
Filed February 5, 1998

SARASOTA EQUINE ASSOCIATE'S REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY

Sarasota Equine Associates asks the Commission to grant it an extension to file it's direct testimony in this case until February 9, 1998.

William J. McGinty, a partner of SEA has misunderstood the procedures and timetables of this case. He thought that the testimony was to be given in person. On February 2, 1998, he called the Commission to find out where testimony was to be held. At that time he learned that testimony was to have been filed. Please realize that while Dr. McGinty is proficient in treating sick horses, he is easily confused in other matters. It will take until Monday, February 9, 1998 to submit his testimony.

Sarasota Equine Associates has proposed February 9, 1998 as the new filing date as it will give SEA sufficient time to file it's testimony and yet will not delay nor have any effect on any future scheduled hearings or dates.

Sarasota Equine Associates asks the Commission to grant this short extension to file it's direct testimony in this case. SEA will not ask for any further extensions in the future. Respectfully submitted on February 5, 1998.

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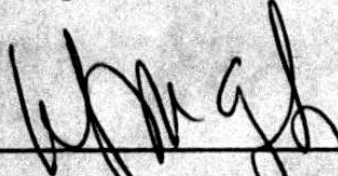
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Sarasota Equine Associates' request for Extension to File Direct Testimony in DocketNo. 970990-T1 were sent via U.S. mail on February 5, 1998, to the parties listed below.

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