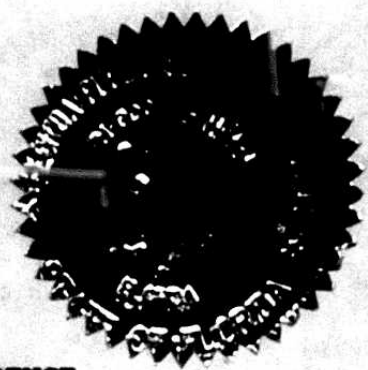


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**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of  
  
Proposed tariff filing by  
GTE Florida Incorporated to  
transfer a portion of the  
Sarasota exchange into the  
Bradenton exchange.  
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**PROCEEDINGS:            PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**BEFORE:                 COMMISSIONER JOE GARCIA**  
                              Prehearing Officer  
                              (Teleconferencing from Miami)

**DATE:                    Friday, March 13, 1998**

**TIME:                    Commenced at 9:30 a.m.**  
                              Concluded at 9:45 a.m.

**PLACE:                   Betty Easley Conference Center**  
                              Room 152  
                              4075 Esplanade Way  
                              Tallahassee, Florida

**REPORTED BY:            H. RUTHE POTAMI, CSR, RPR**  
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5 **Incorporated.**

6 **WILLIAM MCGINTY, D.V.M., 8325 Whiskey Pond**  
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8 **telephonically on behalf of Sarasota Equine**  
9 **Association.**

10 **BETH KEATING, Florida Public Service**  
11 **Commission, Division of Legal Services, 2540 Shumard**  
12 **Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870,**  
13 **appearing on behalf of the Commission Staff.**

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**P R O C E E D I N G S**

(Hearing convened at 9:30 a.m.)

**COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** We'll call the hearing to order. Staff counsel, will you read the notice?

**MS. KEATING:** By notice issued February 25, 1998, this time and place has been set for a prehearing in Docket No. 970990-TL. The purpose is as set forth in the notice.

**COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** Okay. We'll take appearances. GTE?

**MS. CASWELL:** GTE Florida. This is Kim Caswell. The address is 1 Tampa City Center, Tampa, Florida 33601.

**COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** Okay. Dr. McGinty?

**DR. MCGINTY:** William McGinty for Sarasota Equine, and my address is 8325 Whiskey Pond Lane, Sarasota, Florida.

**COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** Staff counsel, are there any preliminary matters?

**MS. KEATING:** This is Beth Keating appearing for Commission Staff and, no, Commissioner, there are no preliminary matters.

**COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** Okay. We'll go through the prehearing order, and if anybody has any objections or any questions, just raise them.

1                    Corrections or changes to the case  
2 background? (No response.)

3                    Corrections or changes to the witness order?  
4 (No response.)

5                    Corrections or changes to the basic  
6 positions? (No response.)

7                    DR. MCGINTY: I have a question. What is my  
8 basic position here? My basic position is that I  
9 didn't want it changed; is that correct, and that's  
10 the reasons why I don't want it changed?

11                    COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Right.

12                    DR. MCGINTY: Okay. Then I don't -- no, no  
13 changes.

14                    COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. McGinty, you can  
15 add to it if you'd like, but I guess being succinct is  
16 an art form that most of the our attorneys don't  
17 practice very well. So I think your basic position is  
18 fine that way, but if you want to add to it, that's  
19 fine.

20                    DR. MCGINTY: No, no, no, no. My basic  
21 position is that I don't want it changed.

22                    COMMISSIONER GARCIA: All right. I think  
23 it's --

24                    DR. MCGINTY: I mean, I didn't know whether  
25 I had to expound on why I didn't want it changed or

1 not.

2 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I think that's fine.

3 MS. CASWELL: Commissioner Garcia, can I ask  
4 a question?

5 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Sure.

6 MS. CASWELL: Back on the order of  
7 witnesses. Is there a reason why Mike Scobie's first  
8 and Dr. McGinty's second? I would have thought that  
9 since Dr. McGinty filed the complaint, he'd be first.  
10 You know, I'm not sure that it makes a big difference,  
11 but I thought that was the customary --

12 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Beth, did you have a  
13 reason for doing it?

14 MS. KEATING: Essentially I think we put in  
15 GTE's witness first because it was GTE's tariff  
16 originally, but it really doesn't matter that much to  
17 us. So if you would prefer to reverse that order --

18 MS. CASWELL: Well, it's okay. It's just  
19 that we're going to be -- our testimony responds to  
20 his complaint. So if everybody understands that, it's  
21 just going to be a little odd to have that testimony  
22 first; but whatever Mr. McGinty would like is fine  
23 with me.

24 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. McGinty?

25 DR. MCGINTY: I'd like to go second.

1 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Very well.

2 MS. CASWELL: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: All right. So we'll  
4 leave it that way. All right. I don't think we need  
5 to go issue by issue. Corrections or changes to the  
6 exhibit list?

7 DR. MCGINTY: What's an exhibit list?

8 MS. KEATING: That's on Page 7.

9 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: There are none at this  
10 time, so we don't have an exhibit list.

11 DR. MCGINTY: Okay. I mean, does it -- I  
12 mean, if I want to bring in stuff to show you why I  
13 don't want the thing changed, do I have to tell you  
14 everything now?

15 MS. KEATING: No.

16 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No.

17 DR. MCGINTY: I do.

18 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No. No, you don't.

19 DR. MCGINTY: Okay. Then I don't have any  
20 problem with --

21 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: But I think you'd be  
22 better off, Mr. McGinty, if you gave us an idea of  
23 what you have so that it can be properly responded to  
24 at hearing. Sort of surprise exhibits may not --

25 DR. MCGINTY: Well, I certainly don't want

1 to surprise anybody. All I'm going to do is show  
2 that -- you know, basically list the people that I do  
3 work for in Venice that would prefer that it not be  
4 changed.

5 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Well, I don't think --  
6 I think we can determine whether we can admit it  
7 there, but I don't think there will be a problem doing  
8 that.

9 DR. McSINTY: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: All right. Is there  
11 anything else to be taken up?

12 MS. KEATING: Nothing that Staff is aware  
13 of, Commissioner.

14 MS. CASWELL: No.

15 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Very well.  
16 We're going to adjourn this hearing.

17 (Thereupon, the hearing concluded at 9:45  
18 a.m.)

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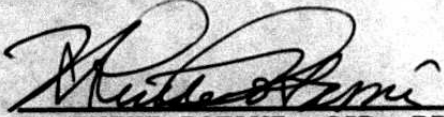
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