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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 971266-TL
GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition for Clarification of, or in the Alternative
A Waiver of, Rule 25-4.073(d), with Regard to Calls Transmitted Through the
Florida Relay Service

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above matter an original and fifteen copies of GTE
Florida Incorporated's Withdrawal of Its Petition for Waiver of Rule 25-4.073(d) with
Regard to Calls Transmitted Through the Florida Relay Service. If there are any
questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (813) 483-2617.

ACK Very truly yours,

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Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition)
for Clarification of, or in the Alternative, a)
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Docket No. 971266-TL
Filed: June 1, 1998

**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S WITHDRAWAL OF ITS
PETITION FOR WAIVER OF RULE 25-4.073(d) WITH REGARD TO CALLS
TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE**

On October 1, 1997, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) filed a Petition seeking a waiver of Commission Rule 25-4.073(d) to the extent it might be applied to calls transmitted to GTEFL through the Florida Relay Service (FRS). (Rule 25-4.073(d) establishes answering time standards for calls to intercept, directory assistance, repair, and business office services.)

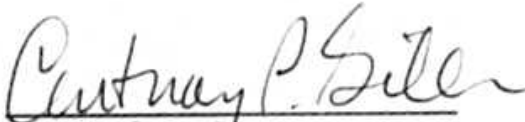
After discussing this matter with Commission Staff over the past months, and after making efforts to modify its interactive answering system menus, GTEFL believes its Petition may no longer be necessary. GTEFL thus withdraws its Petition which initiated this docket, with the understanding that: 1) Commission Staff will provide GTEFL a letter of intent indicating that calls to GTEFL through the relay center will be permitted a 60-second (rather than 55-second) answer time; and, 2) answer time for calls through the FRS will continue to be measured when the FRS representative has dialed the last digit of the GTEFL office. These conditions reflect GTEFL's discussions with Staff.

Instead of pursuing this Petition, GTEFL will continue to advocate overall changes to the answer time rule by means of ongoing Docket No. 950778-TL or perhaps by separate petition at a later date.

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Respectfully submitted on June 1, 1998.

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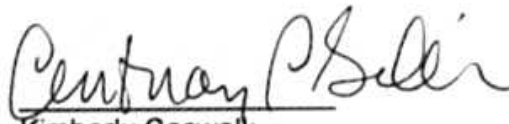
Attorneys for GTE Florida Incorporated

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Withdrawal of Its Petition for Waiver of Rule 25-4.073(d) with Regard to Calls Transmitted Through the Florida Relay Service in Docket No. 971266-TL were sent via overnight delivery on May 29, 1998 to:

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