BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the cost of basic local) telecommunications service, pursuant to Section 364.025, Florida Statutes)

Docket No. 980696-TP Filed: July 7, 1998

PETITION TO INTERVENE

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

- GTE 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.
 - Communications in regard to this proceeding should be directed to:

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3. This proceeding will address the costs incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) incur to provide basic local service. GTE, as an ILEC, thus has a direct and substantial interest in the subject of this docket and should be permitted to intervene. Respectfully submitted on July 7, 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 980696-TP were sent via U.S. mail on July 7, 1998 to the parties on the attached list.

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