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Re: Docket No. 980696-TP
Determination of the cost of basic local telecommunications service,
pursuant to Section 364.025, Florida Statutes

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's (GTE) Request for Confidential Classification of the CD Rom which was filed January 12, 1999. The CD Rom filed yesterday was designated as confidential in that filing, but Staff has asked GTE to file this Request.

Filing of this Request for Confidential Classification is accomplished via facsimile on January 13, 1999, as well as by overnight mail on January 13 for delivery on January 14, 1999.

If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (813) 483-2617.

Very truly yours,

Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Determination of the Cost of Basic Local)	Docket No. 980696-TP
Local Telecommunications Service,)	Filed: January 13, 1999
Pursuant to Section 364.025, Florida)	
Statutes)	

**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S REQUEST
FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTE) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information filed in response to the Commission's instructions at its agenda conference on December 18, 1998. Specifically, GTE and other companies were required to file a CD containing the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM), as revised by the Staff in its Recommendation to the Commission dated December 9, 1998, and using particular inputs Staff set forth in that Recommendation. This Request covers that CD, which was filed yesterday with the Commission. (The CD was designated as confidential in that filing, but Staff has asked GTE to file this Request.)

The CD, like the cost model CDs GTE filed previously in this and other proceedings, contains competitively sensitive, confidential information. For instance, it includes GTE's access line counts by central office and other geographic-area-specific information. These data are routinely accorded confidential treatment because competitors can use them to more successfully compete with GTE without the usual market trial and error. If, for example, an actual or potential competitor knows how many lines GTE has in a particular wire center, it will know a fundamental fact about the potential market without doing any research of its own. This wire center-specific information, coupled with other, operational and facilities details in the CD, would give these competitors a good indication

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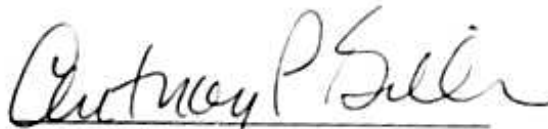
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of how lucrative operation in certain areas would likely be, and how vulnerable GTE might be to competitive entry in those areas.

In a competitive market, any information about a company's operations has the potential to be used to that company's detriment if it is publicly disclosed. GTE, therefore, asks the Commission to accord confidential treatment to the above-mentioned CD. The entire CD must necessarily be treated confidentially, as it is impossible to highlight and redact a CD.

Respectfully submitted on January 13, 1999.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Confidential Classification in Docket No. 980696-TP were sent to the Commission via facsimile on January 13, 1999 and by overnight mail on January 13 for delivery on January 14, 1999.


for Kimberly Caswell