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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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January 22, 1999

Re: Docket No. 980696-TP
Determination of the cost of Basic Local Telecommunications Service, Pursuant
to Section 364.025

Dear Ms. Bayo:

You will find enclosed two copies of a Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) analysis performed by GTE in response to the Commission Staff's December 9, 1998 Recommendation in the above-referenced docket. GTE is submitting this GTE-specific MST analysis on a voluntary basis. GTE confirmed with Staff that an MST analysis was mandatory only for Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM) sponsors (see, e.g., Dec. 9 Staff Rec. at 78). As GTE made clear during this proceeding, it supported, but did not sponsor, the BCPM. Nevertheless, GTE believes the enclosed MST analysis may be useful to the Commission, and Staff agreed that GTE could submit such an analysis at this time.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (813) 483-2617.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Caswell

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**BCPM 3.1 Distribution: Route Distance Understatements
GTE Florida Inc.
By Density Zone**

Date for Only Grids That Are Short

<u>Density Zone</u> (1)	<u>BCPM Dist Route Feet</u> (2)	<u>MST</u> (3)	<u>% Short</u> (4) (2)/(3)	<u>Number of Grids Short</u> (5)	<u>Number of Grids in DZ</u> (6)	<u>Number of Grids Short in DZ (%)</u> (7) (5)/(6)
<5	66,259	127,536	51.95%	12	182	6.59%
5-20	52,864	83,433	63.36%	4	158	2.53%
20-100	23,800	81,002	29.38%	3	221	1.36%
100-200	9,153	9,235	99.12%	1	125	0.80%
200-651	87,116	95,956	90.79%	4	441	0.91%
650-850	38,997	44,803	87.04%	2	161	1.24%
850-2550	34,574	83,686	41.31%	6	1,183	0.51%
2550-5000	31,798	40,965	77.62%	4	1,259	0.32%
5000-10000	6,903	25,892	26.66%	4	557	0.72%
>10000	-	6,672	0.00%	3	59	5.08%
	351,463	599,180	58.66%	43	4,346	0.99%