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January 25, 2000

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: ~~Undocketed~~ *000105-EI*
Joint FCC/State Affiliate Transaction Audit
Florida Audit Control No. 97-027-3-1 - GTE Florida Incorporated

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Extension of Time for Filing a Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Permanent Protective Order for filing in the above matter. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 813-483-2617.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Mayor Jr.

Kimberly Caswell

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**GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR FILING A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND
MOTION FOR PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDER**

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) asks the Commission for an extension of time for filing a request for confidential classification and motion for permanent protective order covering documents produced to Commission Staff during its undocketed audit of GTEFL's affiliate relationships.

GTEFL received a letter dated January 11, 2000, from Mr. Jeffery A. Small, Commission Staff member. He noted that GTEFL had 21 days from the date of the letter in which to seek an order protecting confidential materials from public disclosure. Absent an extension, GTEFL's request would be due on February 1, 2000.

GTEFL asks the Commission for an additional 30 days in which to file the requisite page-by-page, line-by-line request for confidential protection. This time is necessary because the materials at issue are quite voluminous. Commission procedures require a specific justification of each piece of confidential information in each document, so preparation of a request for confidential classification is time- and labor-intensive.

GTEFL does not believe granting this request will prejudice the Staff in preparing its audit report or performing any other tasks related to this matter. If Staff believes otherwise, GTEFL would ask to discuss with relevant Staff any problems related to this

request, so GTEFL and the Staff might work out a resolution that accommodates the interests of both parties.

Respectfully submitted on January 25, 2000.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Extension of Time for Filing a Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Permanent Protective Order were sent via overnight delivery on January 24, 2000 to:

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