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Re: Docket No. 991376-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of Joint Motion for Continuance of Hearing.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of Show Cause) Docket no. 991376-TL
Proceedings against GTE Florida,)
Inc., for Violation of Service Standards) Filed June 5, 2000

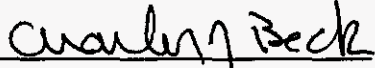
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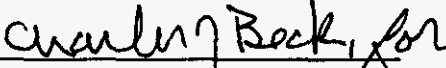
On May 18, 2000, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) (collectively, the Parties) filed a Joint Motion requesting modification of the testimony filing dates in this case. Pursuant to that Motion, GTEFL's rebuttal testimony would be filed on June 15, 2000, and Staff's and intervenors' surrebuttal testimony would be due on July 14, 2000. The purpose of the testimony extension was to give the Parties an opportunity to resolve the issues in this case.

While the Parties continue to work diligently toward a resolution, it appears that more time will be needed. GTE and OPC thus ask the Commission to continue the hearing and to suspend all testimony filing pending establishment of new hearing dates. At this time, the Parties believe that their limited resources are best directed to resolving their differences, rather than on preparing for litigation that may not be necessary. Given adequate time, GTEFL and OPC hope to achieve a solution that best benefits the public, without the time and expense of a hearing.

For these reasons, GTE and OPC ask that the Commission suspend the filing of all remaining testimony in this case and hold a scheduling conference to consider new hearing dates.

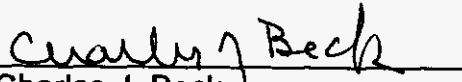
Respectfully Submitted this 5th Day of June, 2000.


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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by
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