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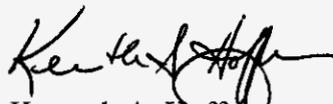
Re: Docket No. 000573-TX

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of GTC, Inc. d/b/a GT Com ("GT Com") are the original and fifteen copies of GT Com's Petition for Leave to Intervene.

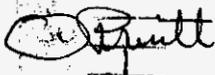
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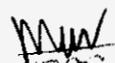
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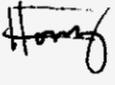
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Application for Certificate to)
provide alternative local exchange)
telecommunications service by)
GTC Telecom)
_____)

Docket No. 000573-TX

Filed: June 14, 2000

**PETITION OF GTC, INC. d/b/a GT COM
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

GTC, Inc. d/b/a GT Com ("GT Com"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, requests leave to intervene in this proceeding, and states:

1. Petitioner's name, address and telephone number are:

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2. All notices, pleadings, and other communications to GT Com in this docket should be directed to the following on behalf of GT Com:

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3. GT Com is the local exchange telecommunications company authorized to provide and providing basic local telecommunications service pursuant to Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 29 to customers in areas of the counties of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Liberty, Okaloosa, Taylor, and Walton, including the communities of Alligator Point, Altha, Apalachicola, Blountstown, Bristol, Carrabelle, Chattahoochee, Eastpoint, Hosford, Keaton Beach, Laurel Hill, Paxton, Perry, Port St. Joe, Tyndall AFB and Wewahitchka, in the State of Florida.

4. This proceeding involves the application of a California company named GTC Telecom for certification to provide alternate local exchange telecommunications service in the State of Florida. GTC Telecom's application reflects that it has never operated as an alternative local exchange company in any state, and that it has applied for certification or has been certificated to operate as an alternative local exchange company only in the states of California, New York and New Jersey.

5. The interests of GT Com will be substantially and directly affected by the Commission's decision in this proceeding because the name "GTC Telecom" is confusingly similar to the names "GTC, Inc." and "GT Com." Florida consumers of local exchange telecommunications service are likely to be confused as to the source of local service exchange service offered to them and provided to them by a company using the name "GTC Telecom."

6. Pursuant to Section 364.335, Florida Statutes, an application for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service is subject to the Commission's determination that granting the certificate is in the public interest. The Commission should find that granting the requested certificate to GT Telecom is not in the public interest.

7. Disputed issues of material fact in this proceeding include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Whether the products and services sought to be provided by GTC Telecom as an alternative local exchange carrier are similar to the products and services being provided by GTC, Inc. d/b/a GT Com;
- B. Whether the names "GTC, Inc." "GT Com," and "GTC Telecom" are confusingly similar in the context of the products and services GTC Telecom seeks certification to provide;
- C. Whether Florida consumers of local exchange telecommunications service are likely to be confused as to the source of products and services offered to them and provided to them by a company using the name "GTC Telecom;" and
- D. Whether it is in the public interest to grant a certificate to GTC Telecom to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service.

8. Subject to discovery, GT Com alleges as ultimate facts that granting certification to GTC Telecom as an alternative local exchange carrier is not in the public interest pursuant to Section 364.335, Florida Statutes, because the name "GTC Telecom" is confusingly similar to the names "GTC, Inc." and "GT Com" in the context of the products and services which GTC Telecom seeks certification to provide, and Florida consumers of local exchange telecommunications services are likely to be confused as to the source of products and services offered to them and provided to them by a company using the name "GTC Telecom."

WHEREFORE, GT Com requests:

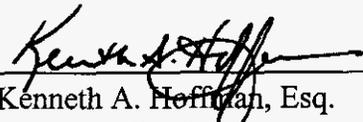
- A. That it be granted leave to intervene in this proceeding;

B. That a formal administrative hearing be conducted in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, to consider the merits of GTC Telecom's application;

C. That a final order be issued denying GTC Telecom's application for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service; and

D. That such further relief as may be deemed appropriate be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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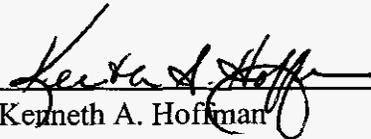
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Petition of GTC, Inc. for Leave to Intervene was furnished to the following this 14th day of June, 2000:

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