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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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001185-TP

Re: Docket No.  
Petition for Approval of First Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and five copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition for Approval of First Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with AirTouch Paging. The amendment consists of a total of two pages. 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.

Very truly yours,

*ca* Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Approval of First Amendment  
to Interconnection Agreement


Docket No.  
Filed: August 18, 2000

**PETITION OF VERIZON FLORIDA INC. FOR APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT  
TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH AIRTOUCH PAGING**

Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon), formerly GTE Florida Incorporated, files this petition before the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval of the first amendment to the interconnection agreement which Verizon has entered with AirTouch Paging (AirTouch). In support of this petition, Verizon states:

On February 9, 1999, the Commission approved Verizon's interconnection agreement with AirTouch in Docket No. 981553-TP. The attached amendment pertains to certain provisions in Article IV regarding the parties' current business practices. Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve the attached amendment and that Verizon be granted all other relief proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted on August 18, 2000.

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED  
AND  
AIRTOUCH PAGING**

**THIS FIRST AMENDMENT** ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement"), effective February 9, 1999, is by and between GTE Florida Incorporated ("GTE") and AirTouch Paging ("AirTouch") (GTE and AirTouch being referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party"). The Agreement covers the Parties respective interconnection arrangements in the state of Florida (the "State").

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement was approved by the Commission's (as defined in the Agreement) Order dated February 9, 1999 in Docket No. 981553-TP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have agreed to amend certain provisions contained in Article IV to reflect the Parties' current business practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, provisions and covenants herein contained, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. In Article IV, Section 2.2, the following words are inserted before the fourth sentence thereof (the sentence beginning with the words "Charges for traffic"):

"If AirTouch or an IXC directs traffic be delivered via separate trunk groups pursuant to Section 4.3.2 hereof, "

2. In Article IV, Section 4.3.2 of the Agreement, including all subsections thereof, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following new Section 4.3.2. is substituted therefore:

"4.3.2 AirTouch and GTE shall, where applicable, make reciprocally available, by mutual agreement, the required trunk groups to handle different traffic types. AirTouch and GTE will support the provisioning of trunk groups that carry combined Local Traffic, intraLATA toll, optional EAS traffic and interLATA toll ("Combined Trunk Groups"). To the extent AirTouch desires to have any Interexchange Carrier ("IXC") terminate switched access traffic to AirTouch, using jointly provided switched access facilities routed through a GTE access tandem and not through the Combined Trunk Groups, it is the responsibility of AirTouch to arrange for such IXC to issue an ASR to GTE to direct GTE to route the traffic over such joint switched access facilities. Until GTE receives an ASR

from an IXC, GTE will route the switched access traffic between the IXC and AirTouch over such Combined Trunk Groups. If an IXC indicates that it does not want its traffic routed to or from AirTouch, GTE will not route the traffic over the separate joint switched access facilities or the Combined Trunk Groups.

3. In Article IV, Section 4.5 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety
4. In Article IV, the second sentence of Section 5 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety
5. Except as specifically modified by this Amendment, the Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.
6. If any provision in the Agreement conflicts with this Amendment, this Amendment shall control.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives and it shall be effective upon execution by both Parties.

GTE Florida Incorporated

By: Connie Nicholas

Name: Connie Nicholas

Title: Assistant Vice President  
Wholesale Markets-Interconnection

Date: January 21, 2000

AirTouch Paging

By: Terry D. Gramer

Name: Terry D. Gramer

Title: President

Date: 1/21/00

APPROVED BY	
LEGAL DEPT.	
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ATTORNEY	DATE


**LEGAL REVIEW COMPLETE**  
BY: Michelle Street

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition For Approval of First Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with AirTouch Paging was sent via overnight delivery on August 17, 2000 to:

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