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

Re: Docket No. 990649-TP
Investigation into Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On August 18, 2000, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-00-1486-PCO-TP in this docket granting Verizon Florida Inc.'s Motion to Bifurcate and Suspend Proceedings (Motion). Under that Order, Verizon will file new unbundled network element (UNE) cost studies in April of next year, and the Commission will set rates after a hearing on those studies. In its Motion, Verizon committed to leaving in place the existing interim, deaveraged UNE loop rates until the Commission can determine new rates for Verizon. These interim rates were established by Commission Order approving a stipulation among the parties to this docket. (Order No. PSC-00-0380-S-TP, Feb. 22, 2000.) These rates will be made available to any alternative local exchange carrier seeking interconnection with Verizon.

For UNEs other than the loops designated in the stipulation, the rates under existing interconnection contracts will be maintained. For those few items for which no rates have been established, Verizon will negotiate prices for these elements on a bona fide request basis.

In accordance with a request by Staff, Verizon hereby affirms the commitments made in its Motion. In particular, Verizon assures the Commission and the parties that the existing, interim UNE loop rates remain in effect, even though those rates would otherwise have lapsed on June 30, 2001 under the terms of the stipulation.

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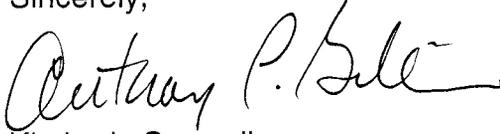
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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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