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Re: Docket No. 000075-TP  
Investigation into appropriate methods to compensate carriers for exchange of  
traffic subject to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s  
Response Supporting the Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental  
Posthearing Briefs 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,

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Investigation into appropriate )  
methods to compensate carriers for )  
exchange of traffic subject to Section )  
251 of the Telecommunications Act )  
of 1996 )  
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Docket No. 000075-TP  
Filed: May 4, 2001

**VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S RESPONSE SUPPORTING THE JOINT MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL POSTHEARING BRIEFS**

Verizon Florida Inc. ("Verizon") supports the Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Posthearing Brief, filed on May 2, 2001 by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., TCG of South Florida, Global NAPS, Inc., Media One Florida Telecommunications, Inc., Time Warner Telcom of Florida, LF, Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, Ind., Allegiance Telecom of Florida, Inc. and the Florida Competitive Carriers Association ("Joint Movants"). That Motion asks for a forty-five day extension of time to file a Supplemental Posthearing Brief addressing the FCC's decision in its reciprocal compensation proceeding (FCC release number 01-131, April 27, 2001 ("FCC Order")).

As the Joint Movants point out, on April 27, 2001, the Commission issued its Order requesting supplemental briefs. Under that Order, such briefs would be due on May 7, 2001.

Verizon was not made aware of the supplemental briefing Order until late in the afternoon of May 2, 2001. As of today, Verizon still has not received its copy of the Order from the Commission. Verizon is thus in the same position as the Joint Movants. It cannot complete a supplemental brief on the FCC's complex Order by May 7. Like the Joint Movants, Verizon will need sufficient time to digest the FCC's Order before

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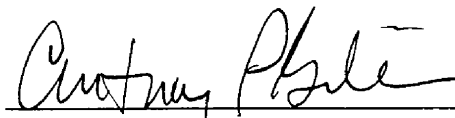
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determining its impact on the issues to be resolved in this proceeding. The forty-five day extension sought by the Joint Movants is necessary if the Commission is to receive well-considered and comprehensive discussions of the FCC Order.

Moreover, Verizon does not believe the Commission anticipated that the FCC would release its Order as soon as April 27, the same day this Commission issued its Order calling for supplemental briefs. It appears that the Commission intended to give the parties more time to analyze the Order before filing briefs. The Joint Movants' Motion is consistent with that intention.

For the reasons stated here and in the Joint Movant's Motion, Verizon joins in the Joint Movants' request for a 45-day extension of time to file supplemental posthearing briefs in this proceeding.

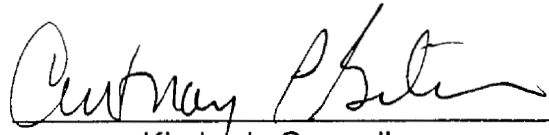
Respectfully submitted on May 4, 2001.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Response Supporting the Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Posthearing Briefs in Docket No. 000075-TP were sent via U.S. mail on May 4, 2001 to the parties on the attached list.

  
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