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Ms. Blanca Bayo
Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: CONFIDENTIAL filing in docket 991376-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

This letter forwards the CONFIDENTIAL surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of R. Earl Poucher for filing in docket 991376-TL. This filing must be treated as confidential for the time being because it contains and discusses documents provided to our office by Verizon (f/k/a GTE Florida, Inc.) that the company claims are confidential. Verizon previously filed notices of intent to seek confidential classification of the documents.

We believe that Verizon must now file a specific request for a protective order pursuant to Commission rule 25-22.006(6)(c). Once Verizon files this request, we will file redacted copies of Mr. Poucher's supplemental direct testimony and exhibits. When the Commission enters a final order on Verizon request, we will file an update.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck
Deputy Public Counsel

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