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May 29, 2001

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

Re: Docket No. 990362-TI Initiation of Show Cause Proceeding Against GTE Communications Corporation for Apparent Violation of Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., Local, Local Toll, or Toll Provider Selection

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies of Verizon Select Services Inc.'s Emergency Request for Continuance of Hearing 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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Kimberly Caswell

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VSSI regrets having to make this request so close to the hearing and apologizes for any inconvenience it may cause the Commission and its Staff.

Respectfully submitted on May 29, 2001.

Bv: Kimberly Caswell

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Select Services, Inc.'s Emergency Request for Continuance of Hearing in Docket No. 990362-TI were hand-delivered(*) or sent via facsimile(**) on May 29, 2001 to:

> Lee Fordham(*) Division of Legal Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Charles J. Beck, Deputy Public Counsel(**) Office of Public Counsel 111 W. Madison Street, Room 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

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