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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
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Florida Public Service Commission
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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 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,

Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings)
against GTE Communications Corporation)
(n/k/a/ Verizon Select Services Inc.) for)
apparent violation of Rule 24-4.118, F.A.C.,)
Local, Local Toll, or Toll Provider Selection)
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Docket No. 990362-T1
Filed: July 5, 2001

**VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.'S
REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING**

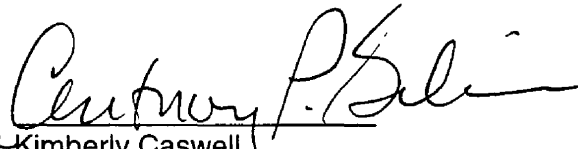
Verizon Select Services Inc. (VSSI) requests a continuance of the hearing in this case, currently scheduled for August 3, 2001. VSSI counsel has learned that one of its two witnesses, Christopher Owens, has retired from VSSI and will be out of the country on August 3, 2001. The parties have explored options short of continuing the hearing, but were not able to arrive at a satisfactory solution.

With regard to a new date, Mr. Owens reports that he will also be out of the country from August 27 through September 16, 2001, and that the following dates in 2001 would be problematic for him, as well: August 14 and 21; September 20-25; October 9, 16, and 25; November 2, 13, 27; and December 11 and 18.

VSSI understands that the Office of Public Counsel, the only intervenor in this case, does not oppose this request for continuance.

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

Respectfully submitted on July 5, 2001.

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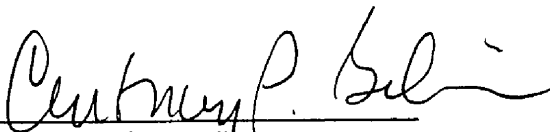
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Select Services, Inc.'s Request for Continuance of Hearing in Docket No. 990362-TI were sent via U.S. mail on July 5, 2001 to:

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