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

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Re: Docket No.
Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the
Interconnection Agreement with Nextel South Corp.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and five copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s
Petition for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection Agreement with Nextel
South Corp. The amendment consists of a total of four pages. 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.

Very truly yours,

Kimberly Caswell for
Kimberly Caswell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. for Approval) Docket No.
of Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection) Filed: January 24, 2002
Agreement with Nextel South Corp.)
_____)


**PETITION OF VERIZON FLORIDA INC. FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.**

Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) (formerly GTE Florida Incorporated) files this petition before the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection Agreement with Nextel South Corp. (Nextel). In support of this petition, Verizon states:

The Verizon/Nextel agreement was approved by the Commission by Order No. PSC-99-0256-FOF-TP issued February 10, 1999 in Docket No. 981652-TP. The attached amendment adopts the optional reciprocal compensation plan put forth in the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68.

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve the attached amendment and that Verizon be granted all other relief proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted on January 24, 2002.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

to the

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

between

VERIZON FLORIDA INC., F/K/A GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED

and

NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.

**FOR THE STATE OF
FLORIDA**

This Amendment No. 2 (this "Amendment") is effective June 14, 2001 ("Amendment Effective Date"), by and between Verizon Florida Inc., f/k/a GTE Florida Incorporated, a Florida corporation ("Verizon"), and Nextel South Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Nextel"). (Verizon and Nextel may hereinafter be referred to, each individually, as a "Party," and collectively, as the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Verizon and Nextel are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934 (the "Act") for Florida, which was effective January 19, 1999 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2001, in the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68 ("Order"), the Federal Communications Commission affirmed its prior determination that Internet traffic is not subject to reciprocal compensation under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act, but exercised its authority under Section 201 of the Act to establish a transitional plan for intercarrier compensation for Internet traffic; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Order, Verizon has elected to offer an optional reciprocal compensation rate plan for traffic subject to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act, under which such traffic exchanged between Verizon and a local exchange carrier or CMRS provider in a given state will be subject to compensation at the same rate applicable to intercarrier compensation for Internet traffic in that state under the terms of the Order; and

WHEREAS, Nextel has elected to amend the Agreement to accept the optional reciprocal compensation rate plan for traffic subject to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act being offered by Verizon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Amendment to Agreement. Effective as of the Amendment Effective Date, the Agreement is amended as follows:

1.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, the following provisions shall apply to and be a part of the Agreement:

1.1.1 Reciprocal Compensation Rates:

1.1.1.1 Appendix C of the Agreement is amended by deleting from the section "Local Transport and Termination Rates" Paragraph A, "Transport and Termination Rate," and replacing Paragraph A with the following:

"A. Local Traffic Transport and Termination Rate

June 14, 2001 through December 13, 2001
-- \$0.0015 per minute of use;

December 14, 2001 through June 13, 2003
-- \$0.0010 per minute of use; and

June 14, 2003 and thereafter -- \$0.0007
per minute of use."

1.1.1.2 The rates provided for in Section 1.1.1.1 above shall apply to the Parties in an equal and symmetrical manner.

1.1.1.3 The reciprocal compensation rates (including, but not limited to, per minute of use rates) billed by Nextel to Verizon shall not exceed the reciprocal compensation rates (including, but not limited to, per minute of use rates) billed by Verizon to Nextel.

1.1.1.4 The rates provided for in Section 1.1.1.1 above shall apply until such time as they are replaced prospectively by new rates as may be approved or allowed into effect from time to time by the Commission pursuant to FCC

orders and FCC regulations, or by the FCC, subject to a stay or other order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction.

- 1.1.2 Reciprocal compensation shall not apply to traffic that is not subject to reciprocal compensation under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act.
- 1.1.3 "Internet Traffic" means any traffic that is transmitted to or returned from the Internet at any point during the duration of the transmission.
- 1.1.4 Local Traffic does not include any Internet Traffic.
- 1.1.5 Reciprocal compensation shall not apply to Internet Traffic.
- 1.1.6 The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet Traffic shall be governed by the terms of the Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC regulations.
- 1.1.7 The determination of whether traffic is Local Traffic or Internet Traffic shall be performed in accordance with Paragraphs 8 and 79, and other applicable provisions, of the Order (including, but not limited to, in accordance with the rebuttable presumption established by the Order that traffic delivered to a carrier that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating to originating traffic is Internet Traffic, and in accordance with the process established by the Order for rebutting such presumption before the Commission).
- 1.1.8 A Party shall not be obligated to pay any intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that is in excess of the intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that such Party is required to pay under the Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations.

2. Termination. If the Order is stayed, vacated or modified, in whole or in part, by the FCC or another governmental entity of competent jurisdiction, each Party shall have the right to terminate this Amendment by written notice to the other Party. The termination shall be effective upon receipt of the notice of termination by the other Party. In the event of such termination of this Amendment, the language of the Agreement, on a prospective basis, effective with the effective date of the termination, shall revert to the language of the Agreement (including any other amendments to the Agreement entered into by the Parties on, before or after the Amendment Effective Date) as it would have existed if this Amendment had not been entered into by the Parties. The provisions of this Section 2 shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any other provisions of the Agreement (including, but not limited to, Article III, Section

32, "Changes in Legal Requirements," and Article III, Section 40, "Subsequent Law") that might apply if the Order is stayed, vacated or modified.

3. Scope of Amendment. Except to the extent set forth in Section 1 of this Amendment, the rates, charges and other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the Amendment Effective Date. Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Agreement. The dates shown in Section 1.1.1.1 are not intended to modify the term of the Agreement or to affect either Party's right to exercise any right of termination it may have under the Agreement.

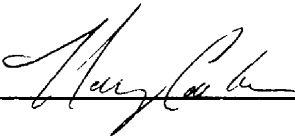
4. Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the rates, charges and other provisions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the rates, charges and other provisions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between a rate, charge or other provision of this Amendment and a rate, charge or other provision of the Agreement, this Amendment shall govern.

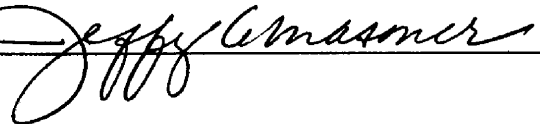
5. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives as of the Amendment Effective Date.

NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.

VERIZON FLORIDA INC.

By: 

By: 

Printed: Nancy Carlsen

Printed: Jeffrey A. Masoner

Title: Director - Telco Management

Title: Vice-President - Interconnection Services Policy & Planning

Date: 12/27/01

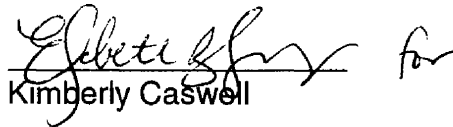
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition For Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection Agreement with Nextel South Corp. was sent via overnight delivery(*) on January 23, 2002 and U.S. mail(**) on January 24, 2002 to:

Staff Counsel(*)
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Nextel South Corp.(**)
Attention: Bob Edgerly
2003 Edmund Halley Drive
Reston, VA 20191


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