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Re: Docket No.: 990649B-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of Z-Tel Communications, Inc., I am enclosing the original and 15 copies of the Z-Tel Communications, Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and pleading by returning the same. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Yours truly,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


In re: Investigation into)
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Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.058, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests oral argument on its contemporaneously filed Response to Verizon Florida, Inc.'s Motion to Strike Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony of George S. Ford.

Oral argument on the motion will enable Z-Tel to more directly and clearly inform the Commission of the importance of Dr. Ford's Supplemental Testimony, and the need for it in the record in this proceeding. Further, oral argument will allow the Commission to better evaluate the materiality of Verizon's contention that Dr. Ford did not use the most recent FCC data in his Revised Rebuttal Testimony.

WHEREFORE Z-Tel requests that the Commission grant its Request for Oral Argument.


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