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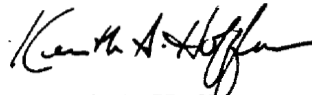
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of US LEC of Florida Inc. ("US LEC") are the original and fifteen copies of US LEC's Motion for Extension of Time to File Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition of US LEC OF FLORIDA INC.)
For Arbitration with Verizon-Florida, Inc.)
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b) of the) Docket No. 020412-TP
Communications Act of 1934, as amended)
By the Telecommunications Act of 1996) Filed: August 30, 2002
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**US LEC OF FLORIDA INC.'S MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS**

US LEC of Florida Inc. ("US LEC"), by and through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Rule 28-106.204(1), Florida Administrative Code, hereby files this Motion requesting the Prehearing Officer to grant an extension of fourteen (14) days for the filing of Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits. In support of this Motion, US LEC states as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-02-0993-PCO-TP, issued July 23, 2002 in this docket, Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits are due to be filed on September 5, 2002. The final hearing is scheduled for October 29, 2002.

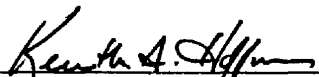
2. US LEC requests that the time for the filing of Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits for both parties be extended by fourteen (14) days up to and until September 19, 2002. The US LEC witnesses in this proceeding are currently engaged in a host of activities and proceedings in Florida and in other states. For example, US LEC witness Montano has been involved in preparation for and attendance at depositions in Florida PSC Docket No. 020129-TP from August 28-30, 2002.

3. No party will be prejudiced by the granting of this Motion. More than ample time will remain available between the requested new deadline for the filing of rebuttal testimony and the final hearing date of October 29, 2002.

4. Counsel for US LEC has conferred with counsel for Verizon and is authorized to represent that Verizon does not object to this Motion so long as both US LEC and Verizon agree to: (a) comply with any order of the Prehearing Officer granting a motion to compel discovery by producing responses and/or documents that may be the subject of an order granting a motion to compel discovery prior to the October 22, 2002 discovery deadline; and (b) use best efforts in resolving any and all objections to discovery requests served by the other party by that same deadline. US LEC has no objection to these conditions and is authorized to represent that Verizon has no objections to these conditions.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, US LEC respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer enter an Order granting this Motion and authorizing an extension of time of fourteen (14) days up to and until September 19, 2002 for the filing of Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits by US LEC and Verizon.

Respectfully submitted,



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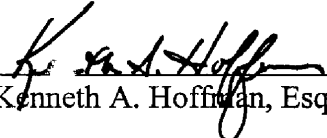
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served on the following individuals by U.S. Mail this 30th day of August, 2002.

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