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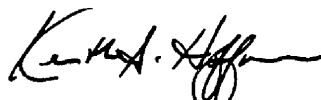
Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of US LEC of Florida Inc. ("US LEC") and Verizon-Florida Inc. ("Verizon") are the original and fifteen copies of a Joint Motion to Continue Hearing.

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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: October 11, 2002
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JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING

COME NOW US LEC of Florida Inc. ("US LEC") and Verizon Florida Inc. ("Verizon"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to Rule 28-106.210, Florida Administrative Code, jointly move that the hearing scheduled in this matter be continued until after the Commission has considered and resolved the motions for reconsideration filed in Docket No. 000075-TP (Generic ISP Docket)(Phases II and IIA). In support thereof, US LEC and Verizon respectfully state as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Scheduling Order entered herein, an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding is set for October 29, 2002.
2. Three of the issues raised by US LEC in its Petition for Arbitration related to issues addressed by the Commission in its September 10, 2002 Order On Reciprocal Compensation in the Generic Docket.¹ Specifically, Issue IV (Responsibilities of Carriers and Compensation for Transport) corresponds with Issues 1 and 2 in US LEC's Arbitration Petition, and Issue V (Conditions for Assignment of Numbers and Compensation) corresponds with Issue 6. Among other items, these issues are the subject of pending Motions for Reconsideration in Docket No. 000075-TP.
3. Resolution of those issues in the Generic Docket may reduce the number of issues

¹Order No. PSC-02-1248-FOF-TP issued September 10, 2002.

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that remain open in the arbitration.

4. Accordingly, US LEC and Verizon believe that continuing the hearing scheduled in this proceeding until the issues raised by the Motions for Reconsideration are determined may conserve the resources of the parties and of the Commission.

5. The parties have discussed this proposal with the Staff and it is our understanding that the Staff concurs in the request, recognizing the benefit to be obtained from allowing the Commission to resolve the Motions for Reconsideration before embarking on a hearing in a proceeding that raises closely related issues.

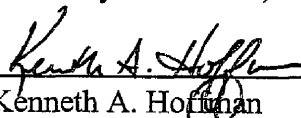
WHEREFORE, for these reasons, US LEC and Verizon respectfully request that the Commission enter an Order rescheduling the October 29, 2002, hearing in this matter to a mutually acceptable date that is after the Commission resolves the Motions for Reconsideration in Docket No. 000075-TP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of October, 2002.

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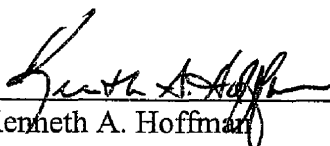
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served on the following individuals by Hand Delivery(*), Electronic Mail(**) and U.S. Mail this 11th day of October, 2002.

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