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Re: Docket No. 981834-TP
Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission Action to Support Local
Competition in BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s Service Territory

Docket No. 990321-TP
Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a Accelerated Connections, Inc. for generic
investigation to ensure that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint-Florida,
Incorporated, and GTE Florida Incorporated comply with obligation to provide
alternative local exchange carriers with flexible, timely, and cost-efficient
physical collocation

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request
for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in connection with
Verizon's supplemental responses to Staff's Second Request for Production of
Documents (Nos. 17 & 18) in the above matters. Service has been made as indicated
on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please
contact me at 813-483-1256.

Sincerely,

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This confidentiality request was filed by or
for a "telco" for DN 03673-03. No ruling
is required unless the material is subject to a
request per 119.07, FS, or is admitted in the
record per Rule 25-22.006(8)(b), FAC.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission) Docket No. 981834-TP
Action to Support Local Competition in BellSouth) Filed: April 22, 2003
Telecommunications Inc.'s Service Territory)
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Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a Accelerated Connections,) Docket No. 990321-TP
Inc. for generic investigation to ensure that BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint-Florida,)
Incorporated, and GTE Florida Incorporated comply)
with obligation to provide alternative local exchange)
carriers with flexible, timely, and cost-efficient)
physical collocation)
_____)

**VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL
CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information contained in its supplemental responses to Staff's Second Request for Production of Documents (specifically POD Nos. 17 and 18) filed in this matter.

All of the information for which Verizon seeks confidential treatment falls within Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(e), which defines the term, "proprietary confidential business information," to include "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information." If competitors were able to acquire this detailed and sensitive information regarding Verizon, they could more easily develop entry and marketing strategies to ensure success in competing with Verizon. This would afford them an unfair advantage while severely jeopardizing Verizon's competitive position. In a competitive business, any knowledge obtained about a competitor can be used to the detriment of the entity to which it pertains, often in

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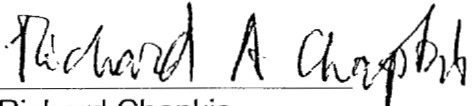
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ways that cannot be fully anticipated. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the ultimate detriment of the telecommunications consumer.

While a ruling on this request is pending, Verizon understands that the information at issue is exempt from Florida Statutes section 119.07(1) and Staff will accord it the stringent protection from disclosure required by Rule 25-22.006(3)(d).

One highlighted copy of the confidential information is attached to the original of this Request as Exhibit A. Two redacted copies are attached as Exhibit B. A detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue is attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted on April 22, 2003.

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EXHIBIT C

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<p>POD No. 17: 367-373, 375-380</p> <p>POD No. 18: 381, 383-384, 388-390, 392-394</p>	<p>All highlighted text</p> <p>All highlighted text</p>	<p>The information contained in these documents constitutes and is derived from algorithms and/or contractual prices provided to Verizon from third party vendors. Verizon's contractual obligations to those parties include the obligation not to disclose or distribute such proprietary or confidential information. Aside from violating contract terms, disclosure of this information would harm Verizon's future ability to contract for goods and/or services on favorable terms.</p> <p>This information contains the detailed cost components underlying discrete basic collocation design and function. Disclosure of such detailed costs for such small pieces of collocation design would give competitors an advantage in designing their networks and in competing against Verizon in the most efficient manner. The fact that Verizon cannot obtain such knowledge about its competitors exacerbates the unfairness of disclosing this detailed cost information.</p> <p>This information contains central office and outside plant-specific data. Disclosure of this information gives competitors an unfair advantage in designing their networks and in competing against Verizon in the most efficient manner. The fact that Verizon cannot obtain such knowledge about its competitors exacerbates the unfairness of disclosing this detailed cost information.</p>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP were sent via electronic mail and U.S. mail on April 22, 2003 to the parties on the attached list.


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