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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 030643-TP

Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. (f/k/a GTE Florida Inc.) against Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and TCG South Florida, for review of a decision by The American Arbitration Association in accordance with Attachment 1 Section 11.2(a) of the Interconnection Agreement between GTE Florida Inc. and TCG South Florida

Dear Ms. Bayo

Please find enclosed for filing an original and 15 copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Consent Motion for Extension of Time. A diskette with a copy of the Petition in PDF format is included in this filing. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Also enclosed is one extra copy of the Motion. Please date-stamp and return the copy in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron M. Panner at 202-326-7921.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Chapkis".

Richard A. Chapkis

Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re:)	
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Petition of Verizon Florida Inc.)	
(f/k/a GTE Florida Inc.) against)	
Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and)	
TCG South Florida, for review)	
of a decision by The American Arbitration)	
Association in accordance with Attachment 1)	Docket No. 030643-TP
Section 11.2(a) of the Interconnection)	
Agreement between GTE Florida Inc. and)	Filed: August 14, 2003
TCG South Florida)	

CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Verizon Florida Inc., f/k/a GTE Florida Inc. (“Verizon”), pursuant to Rule 28-106.204(5) of the Florida Administrative Code, hereby seeks an extension of time to file an opposition to the Motion to Dismiss filed by Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and TCG South Florida (collectively “TCG”) in the above-captioned matter. TCG filed its motion on August 6, 2003; pursuant to Rules 28-106.204(1) and 28-106.103, Verizon’s response would be due on August 18, 2003. Verizon seeks an extension of seven (7) days to file its response, until August 25, 2003.

Verizon respectfully submits that there is good cause to grant an extension because of the press of other previously pending matters, including other proceedings between these parties. Granting an extension will give counsel for Verizon a better opportunity to assist the Commission in resolving the legal issues presented by TCG’s motion. In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code, Verizon is seeking this extension prior to the deadline that Verizon seeks to have extended.

Counsel for TCG has authorized counsel for Verizon to represent that TCG consents in Verizon's motion for extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc's Consent Motion for Extension of Time sent via UPS Overnight courier on August 13, 2003 to the following parties:

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