

**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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<b>In Re:</b>	)	
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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 25, 2003
TCG South Florida	)	

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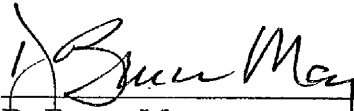
**VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Verizon Florida Inc. ("Verizon") pursuant to Rule 25-22.058, Florida Administrative Code, respectfully requests oral argument on its Opposition to Motion to Dismiss of Teleport Communication Group, Inc. and TCG South Florida (collectively, "TCG") filed simultaneously herewith.

As grounds for this request, Verizon states that TCG's motion to dismiss (i) raises significant issues that implicate the Commission's jurisdiction under Chapter 364, Florida Statutes and (ii) confuses the jurisdictional issues in this proceeding with the issues in a prior proceeding where the Commission declined to hear TCG's petition to enforce a private arbitrator's *discovery order*. Verizon respectfully submits that oral argument would assist the Commission in clarifying these issues and resolving these important matters.

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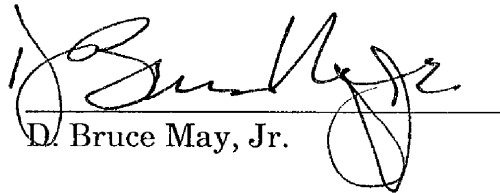
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I HEREBY CERTIFY and a true and correct copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument was hand delivered to: Felicia Banks, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 and Marsha E. Rule, Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell & Hoffman, P.A., 215 S. Monroe Street, Suite 420, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1840 all on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

  
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