

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Verizon Florida Inc. (f/k/a GTE Florida Inc.) Against Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and TCG South Florida, for review of decision by The American Arbitration Association, in accordance with Attachment 1 Section 11.2(a) of interconnection agreement between GTE Florida Inc. and TCG South Florida.

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ORDER NO. PSC-03-0996-PCO-TP
ISSUED: September 4, 2003

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On July 18, 2003, Verizon Florida, Inc. (Verizon) filed its confidential Petition against Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and TCG South Florida (collectively "TCG") seeking review of a decision by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with Section 11.2(a) of the Interconnection Agreement between GTE Florida, Inc. and TCG South Florida. On August 6, 2003, TCG filed its confidential Motion to Dismiss Verizon's Petition. On August 14, 2003, Verizon filed a Consent Motion for Extension of Time.

In its Consent Motion for Extension of Time, Verizon requests that it be granted an extension until August 25, 2003, to file its opposition to TCG's Motion to Dismiss. Verizon's response was due to be filed on August 18, 2003. Verizon explains that there is good cause to grant an extension because of the press of other previously pending matters, including other proceedings between these parties. Further, Verizon claims that granting an extension will give counsel for Verizon a better opportunity to assist in resolving the legal issues presented by TCG's Motion to Dismiss. Verizon indicates that TCG does not object to the requested extension of time.

Noting no objection by parties and staff, Verizon's Consent Motion for Extension of Time is granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is,

ORDERED by Commissioner Charles M. Davidson, as Prehearing Officer, that Verizon's Consent Motion for Extension of Time is granted as set forth herein.


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By ORDER of Commissioner Charles M. Davidson, as Prehearing Officer, this 4th day of September, 2003.



CHARLES M. DAVIDSON
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.