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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 Motion For  
Extension of Time for filing 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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I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Motion For Extension of Time in Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP were sent via electronic mail and U.S. mail on September 18, 2003 to the parties on the attached list.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Chapkis / BE". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Richard Chapkis".  
Richard Chapkis

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission action to support local Competition in BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s service territory	)	Docket No. 981834-TP Filed: September 18, 2003
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**VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to Commission Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, Verizon Florida Inc. ("Verizon") respectfully requests a three-day extension of time to file its Surrebuttal Testimony, currently due September 23, 2003. Verizon will email its testimony to the parties on September 25, 2003, with hard copies filed with the Commission the next day. Verizon's request would apply to all parties.

Good cause exists for granting Verizon's request. Verizon's counsel, and a couple of collocation subject matter experts, are located in the Washington, DC area, which is currently under a hurricane advisory. States of emergency have been declared in Washington, DC and the surrounding area, and the federal and state governments, Verizon counsel's office and the public transportation systems are all closed. Most of these closures are expected through Friday night. In addition, severe power outages are expected throughout the Washington, DC area - and power may take several days

to restore. Given these circumstances, it would be very difficult for Verizon to finalize its testimony in time to make a federal express deadline on Monday, September 22.

Sprint, AT&T, FDN, Staff and Covad have stated that they have no objection to Verizon's request, provided that the extension applies to all parties. Verizon has been unable to reach BellSouth.

Respectfully submitted on September 18, 2003.

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