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Re: Docket No. 030851-TP
Implementation of requirements arising from Federal Communications
Commission's triennial UNE Review: Local Circuit Switching for Mass Market
Customers

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and 15 copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s
Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in connection
with the Company's responses to Staff's Fifth Request for Production of Documents
(specifically, Nos. 31 and 32) in the above matter. 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 02314-04. 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: Implementation of requirements arising)
from Federal Communications Commission's)
Triennial UNE review: Local Circuit Switching)
for Mass Market Customers)
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Docket No. 030851-TP
Filed: February 17, 2004

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

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information contained in the Company's responses to Staff's Fifth Request for Production of Documents (specifically, Nos. 31 and 32) in this proceeding.

All of the information for which Verizon seeks confidential treatment falls within Florida Statutes section 364.183(3), which defines "proprietary confidential business information" as:

Information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public.

Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(a) expressly provide that "trade secrets" fall within the definition of "proprietary confidential business information." Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(e), further provides that "proprietary confidential business information" includes "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information."

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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 ways that cannot be fully anticipated. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the ultimate detriment of the telecommunications consumer. Accordingly, Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission classify the identified documents as confidential and enter an appropriate protective order.

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 February 17, 2004.

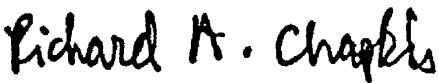
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EXHIBIT C

DOCUMENT	LINE(S)/COLUMN(S)	REASON
Attachment POD 31 (Bates No. VZ 1201)	All highlighted text	This is competitively sensitive, confidential and proprietary business information that has been confidentially maintained by Verizon. Disclosure of this information would cause harm to Verizon by giving its competitors an unfair advantage in developing, pricing and marketing their services. It would be particularly unfair to disclose this information because similar information about competitive carriers is not made available to the public.
Attachment POD 32 (Bates No. VZ 1202)	All highlighted text	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. 030851-TP were sent via electronic mail and U.S. mail on February 17, 2004 to:

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