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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, 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. 040156-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sprint-Florida, Incorporated is Sprint's Response in Support of Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule.

Copies are being served on the parties in this docket pursuant to the attached certificate of service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 850/599-1560.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan S. Masterton".

Susan S. Masterton

Enclosure

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOCKET NO. 040156-TP**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic and U.S. Mail this 11th day January, 2005 to the following:

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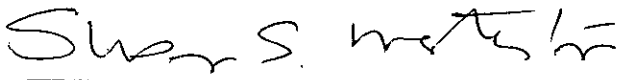
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Arbitration of) Amendment to Interconnection Agreements) With Certain Competitive Local Exchange) Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio) Service Providers in Florida by) Verizon Florida, Inc.) <hr style="width: 100%;"/>	Docket No. 040156-TP Filed: January 11, 2005
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**SPRINT'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MOTION
TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Sprint hereby files this Response in Support of the Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule filed by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC, TCG South Florida, Inc., and Competitive Carriers Group ("Joint Movants") on January 4, 2005. In support thereof Sprint states as follows:

1. On December 15, 2004, the FCC adopted new permanent unbundling rules to respond to the District of Columbia District Court of Appeals opinion¹ vacating certain portions of the TRO.² A written order reflecting this decision has not yet been issued and is not anticipated until the end of January.³ Based on the FCC's representation of the contents of the Order contained in press releases announcing the ruling, the Order will substantially affect the majority of the issues in this docket, as set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure issued on December 13, 2004 (Order No. PSC-04-1236-PCO-TP). Until the written order reflecting the FCC's decision is issued and the parties have had a

¹ *United States Telecom Ass'n v. FCC*, 359 F. 3d 554 (D.C. Circuit 2004) ("*USTA II*")

² Report and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338 (August 21, 2003)

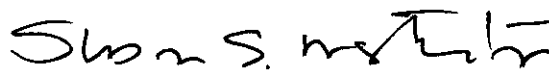
³ See, FCC's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed January 4, 2005 in *United States Telecom Association v. FCC*, Case No. 00-1012, in the U.S. Court of Appeal, D.C. Circuit, in which the FCC states on page 3, "The Commission expects to release its order promulgating new rules within approximately one month."

chance to review it, the parties cannot adequately represent their positions on the issues set forth in the procedural order consistent with the current status of the federal law.

2. Sprint agrees with the revisions to the procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 2 of the Joint Motion.
3. As stated by the Joint Movants, the requested modifications to the procedural schedule will provide time for the parties to review the FCC's order, engage in negotiations with Verizon to identify areas of agreement or dispute, if any, and incorporate the provisions of the Order in their testimony concerning the disputed issues.

WHEREFORE Sprint concurs in the request that the Prehearing Officer modify the procedural schedule in this proceeding as set forth in the Joint Motion.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 11th day of January 2005.



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