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April 25, 2005 – **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No.  
Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of Order PSC-96-0012-FOF-TL to  
Consolidate the Number of Non-Basic Service Categories

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing is Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of Order PSC-96-0012-FOF-TL to Consolidate the Number of Non-Basic Service Categories. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at 813-483-1256.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard A. Chapkis

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Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of Order PSC-96-0012-FOF-TL to Consolidate the Number of Non-Basic Service Categories was sent via U.S. mail on April 25, 2005 to:

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Verizon Florida Inc.'s Petition for Waiver ) Docket No.  
of Order PSC-96-0012-FOF-TL To ) Filed: April 25, 2005  
Consolidate the Number of Non-Basic )  
Service Categories )  
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**VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S PETITION FOR WAIVER OF  
ORDER PSC-96-0012-FOF-TL TO CONSOLIDATE THE NUMBER  
OF NON-BASIC SERVICE CATEGORIES**

Pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-104.002, Florida Administrative Code, Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon FL) petitions for a waiver of Order PSC-96-0012-FOF-TL issued January 4, 1996 in Docket No. 951159-TL (1996 Order) to consolidate the number of non-basic service categories from ten to five.

**PARTIES**

1. Verizon FL is a Florida corporation. Verizon FL is an incumbent local exchange company (ILEC) authorized to provide local exchange and intraLATA toll telecommunications services in Florida.

2. Verizon FL's principal place of business is 201 North Franklin Street, One Tampa City Center, Tampa, Florida 33602. Pleadings and processes may be served on:

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## **BACKGROUND AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

3. The 1996 Order established ten non-basic service categories:

1. Business Non-Basic Exchange Access
2. Residence Non-Basic Exchange Access
3. Business Optional Services
4. Residence Optional Services
5. Local Directory Assistance and Directory Services
6. Toll Services
7. Operator Services
8. Transport Services
9. Public and Semi-Public Telephone
10. Miscellaneous Services

4. When filing a tariff under the 1996 Order, Verizon FL must first complete a price-out identifying the revenue impact the filing will have on the affected non-basic category. The price-out demonstrates that the filing does not violate the relevant non-basic category revenue constraint(s).

5. Since the introduction of local competition in 1996, Verizon FL's ability to change prices within a given non-basic category has been constrained increasingly by competition (as evidenced by the remaining headroom available at the end of every 12-month period). To ensure that the non-basic categories are consistent with today's competitive telecommunications landscape, the Commission should consolidate the existing ten non-basic service categories into the following five categories:

1. Residential Non-Basic Service (Consists of Residence Non-Basic Exchange Access and Residence Optional Services)
2. Business Non-Basic Service (Consists of Business Non-Basic Exchange Access and Business Optional Services)
3. Local Directory Assistance and Directory Services
4. Other Optional (Consists of Toll Services, Operator Services, Transport Services, and Public and Semi-Public Telephone)
5. Miscellaneous Services

Not only will this structure enhance Verizon FL's ability to compete in today's competitive environment, it will also reduce the Commission's administrative costs.

6. If the instant petition is granted, Verizon FL proposes to transfer the revenue in each current non-basic category to the new designated non-basic category at the end of the current 12-month pricing period. This will allow Verizon FL to transition to the new pricing categories without exceeding the restrictions set forth in the Florida Statutes.

Verizon FL's waiver request meets the standards of Section 120.52, Florida Statutes in that it does not violate the purpose of the 1996 Order. Moreover, Verizon FL's waiver request is consistent with Order PSC-05-0278-CO-TL in which the Commission reduced the number of non-basic service categories applicable to BellSouth from ten to five.

WHEREFORE, Verizon FL requests that the Commission grant the instant petition in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted on April 25, 2005.

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