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Ms. Ann Cole
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Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 080159-TP – In re: Joint Petition of Verizon Florida LLC, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Florida, Embarq Florida, Inc., Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom and Windstream Florida, Inc. to initiate rulemaking to reflect the changed telecommunications market

Dear Ms. Cole:

Attached is a Stipulation entered into on this date by the Petitioners in the above-referenced docket, the Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. and Sprint Nextel. As noted in the Stipulation, Petitioners hereby request that the Public Service Commission acknowledge the Stipulation entered into by these parties.

Sincerely,

s/Susan F. ClarkSusan F. ClarkRadey, Thomas Yon & Clark, P.A.Attorney for the Petitioners

Attachment

### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition to initiate rulemaking to adopt new rule in Chapter 25-24, F.A.C., amend and repeal Rules in Chapter 25-4, F.A.C., and amend rules in Chapter 25-9, F.A.C., by Verizon Florida LLC, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Florida, Embarq Florida, Inc., Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, and Windstream Florida, Inc.

**DOCKET NO. 080159-TP** 

Filed: October 7, 2008

#### STIPULATION

In accordance with the settlement discussions between the following parties,
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Florida, Verizon Florida LLC, Embarq
Florida, Inc., TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone, Windstream Florida, Inc., Competitive
Carriers of the South and Sprint Nextel Corporation, agreement has been reached as to
the following provisions in Docket No. 080159-TP. The parties¹ each agree as follows:

- 1. Conditions in the telecommunications market have evolved sufficiently to justify the elimination or modification of the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC" or "Commission") rules at issue in this proceeding as proposed by the Joint ILECs as listed in Attachment A to the Joint Petition, as revised and as enumerated in Attachment I to this Stipulation.
- 2. Upon execution of this Stipulation, the Joint ILECs will withdraw the market test rule set forth in Attachment A to the ILECs' Joint Petition for Rulemaking filed March 14, 2008 and provide no comment on it in their post workshop comments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Florida, Verizon Florida LLC, Embarq Florida, Inc., TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone, Windstream Florida, Inc. are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Joint ILECs." Competitive Carriers of the South and Sprint Nextel Corporation are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Competitive Carriers."

The Joint ILECs will request that the existing rules listed in Attachment I be repealed or (in the case of Rule 25-4.083, F.A.C.,) modified. The Competitive Carriers acknowledge that because of changes to the marketplace they support the proposed repeal or modification of these rules.

3. None of the proposed rule changes are intended to have any impact on the current service quality measures ("SQM") and the associated self-effectuating enforcement mechanisms ("SEEMs") to which ILECs may currently be subject. Joint ILECs will ensure that the changes to the rules do not affect the current SQM/SEEMS plans to which the respective ILECs are subject. The Parties will request that the Commission include in any Notice of Rulemaking in this docket, the following language:

None of the rule amendments or repeals are intended to impact in any way wholesale service or the SEEM (Self-Effectuating Enforcement Mechanism) plan, the SEEM metrics or payments, or the type of data that must be collected and analyzed for purposes of the SEEM plan.

- 4. If a complaint is filed pursuant to Section 364.3381, Florida Statutes, the affected ILEC will file its relevant cost support information, if any, upon request of the Commission or in accordance with the rules of discovery.
- 5. Rule 25-4.083, Florida Administrative Code, regarding a preferred carrier ("PIC") freeze, should be modified to be consistent with the federal rules regarding preferred carrier freezes.

WHEREFORE, the above-referenced parties request that the Stipulation set forth above be acknowledged by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 774 day of October, 2008.

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## <u>ATTACHMENT I</u>

The following rules should be repealed unless otherwise noted:

Rule 25-4.0185, F.A.C., Periodic Reports

Rule 25-4.0201, F.A.C., Audit Access to Records

Rule 25-4.023, F.A.C., Report of Interruptions

Rule 25-4.066, F.A.C., Availability of Service

Rule 25-4.069, F.A.C., Maintenance of Plant and Equipment

Rule 25-4.070, F.A.C., Customer Trouble Reports

Rule 25-4.071, F.A.C., Adequacy of Service

Rule 25-4.072, F.A.C., Transmission Requirements

Rule 25-4.073, F.A.C., Answering Time

Rule 25-4.074, F.A.C., Intercept Service

Rule 25-4.083, F.A.C., Preferred Carrier Freeze<sup>2</sup>

Rule 25-4.085, F.A.C., Service Guarantee Program

Rule 25-4.107, F.A.C., Information to Customers

Rule 25-4.108, F.A.C., Initiation of Service

Rule 25-4.109, F.A.C., Customer Deposits

Rule 25-4.110, F.A.C., Customer Billing for Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies

Rule 25-4.112, F.A.C., Termination of Service by Customer

Rule 25-4.113, F.A.C., Refusal or Discontinuance of Service by Company

Rule 25-4.115, F.A.C., Directory Assistance

Rule 25-4.117, F.A.C., 800 Service<sup>3</sup>

Rule 25-4.200, F.A.C., Application and Scope

Rule 25-4.202, F.A.C., Construction

Rule 25-4.210, F.A.C., Service Evaluation and Investigations

Rule 25-4.214, F.A.C., Tariff Filings

Rule 25-9.005, F.A.C., Information to Accompany Filings<sup>4</sup>

Rule 25-9.020, F.A.C., Front Cover

Rule 25-9.021, F.A.C., Title Page

Rule 25-9.022, F.A.C., Table of Contents

Rule 25-9.023, F.A.C., Description of Territory Served

Rule 25-9.024, F.A.C., Miscellaneous

Rule 25-9.025, F.A.C., Technical Terms and Abbreviations

Rule 25-9.026, F.A.C., Index of Rules and Regulations Rule 25-9.027, F.A.C., Rules and Regulations

Rule 25-9.029, F.A.C., Index of Rate or Exchange Schedules

Rule 25-9.030, F.A.C., Rate Schedules - General

Rule 25-9.032, F.A.C., Telephone Utility Exchange Schedules

Rule 25-9.045, F.A.C., Withdrawal of Tariffs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This rule should be revised to mirror the FCC's rule.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Joint ILECs do not object to staff's proposed revisions to this rule.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Joint ILECs agree with staff's proposal to revise Rule 25-9.001, F.A.C., to remove the application of Chapter 25-9, F.A.C., including all Chapter 25-9 rules listed herein, to LECs.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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