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Mr. Steve C. Tribble, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0865

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Re: Docket No. 900959 TP

Amendment of 25-4.107, F.A.C., Information to Customers, and Rule 25-4.108, F.A.C., Initiation of Service pertaining to extended payment plans for the payment of service connection charges

Please find enclosed the original and 15 copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Hearing for filing in the above stated matter. Service has been made as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service. If there are any questions with regard to this matter, please contact the undersigned at CAF (813) 228-3087. **C**MU Very truly yours, CTR Shomas R. Parker tas LEG Thomas R. Parker LIN OPC TP:tas RCH

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Amendment of 25-4.107, F.A.C.,)
Information to Customers, and Rule
25-4.108, F.A.C., Initiation of) Docket
Service pertaining to extended payment) Filed:
plans for the payment of service)
connection charges.

Docket No. 900959-TP Filed: 6-27-91

REQUEST FOR HEARING

Comes now GTE Florida 1. corporated ("GTEFL") or ("Company"), pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 25-22.016, Fla. Admin. Code and requests a hearing regarding the content of the Commission's Notice of Rulemaking set forth in Order No. 24639 issued on June 7, 1991. In support thereof, GTEFL states as follows:

- 1. The aforereferenced Notice of Rulemaking proposes amendments to Commission Rules 25-4.107 and 25-4.108 in order to ensure that all customers are adequately informed of the Company's plan for extended payment of service connection charges. GTEFL submits that such a requirement, as currently drafted, will have a negative effect on the Company's financial position.
- 2. GTEFL requests that the Commission hold a hearing in order to receive evidence regarding the detrimental financial impact this rule will have if enacted. For example, assuming a "take rate" of approximately 55%, the Company will be affected to its disadvantage by approximately \$364,000.

 GTEFL submits that the mandatory offering of an extended

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payment plan will result in a "take rate" in excess of 55%. It is the Company's position that there is no reason to provide for extended payment plans unless the customer demonstrates a need therefor.

3. The rule, as promulgated, will have other effects on the Company's relationship with its customers. For example, the widespread use of extended payment plans will cause the Company to reconsider its deposit policies in an effort to control bad debts. The Company seeks a hearing in order to more fully examine issues such as these.

WHEREFORE, GTE Florida Incorporated moves the Florida Public Service Commission to hold a hearing on July 12, 1991, in Docket No. 900959-TP.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of June, 1991.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Hearing in Docket No. 900959-TP was furnished by U.S. mail on the 27th day of June, 1991, to the parties on the attached list.

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