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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 960847-TP

Petition by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. for arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed agreement with GTE Florida Incorporated concerning interconnection and resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Re: Docket No. 960980-TP

Petition by MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc. for arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed agreement with GTE Florida Incorporated concerning interconnection and resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

I have been advised by Tracy Hatch, counsel for AT&T in this docket, that AT&T witness Lerma will file today Rebuttal Testimony containing certain of GTE's confidential avoided cost data. Mr. Hatch is filing the data at issue under confidential cover, pursuant to Commission Rules. I understand, however, that under Commission Rule 25-22.006(5), the party who owns the confidential information must also notify the Commission that it is not to be publicly disclosed. This is thus GTE's notice that GTE's cost data that appear in the Rebuttal Testimony of Mr. Lerma should be treated as confidential, in accordance with customary Commission practice.

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If the information is used at the hearing, I understand that a request for permanent confidential classification will need to be filed 21 days from the close of the hearing.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I have misunderstood the Commission's confidentiality procedures in this instance.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Caswell (am

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c: Tracy Hatch, Esq. Richard Melson, Esq.