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GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED
REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF BEVERLY Y. MENARD

DOCKET NO. 960980-TP **960847**

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND POSITION WITH GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED (GTEFL).

A. My name is Beverly Y. Menard. My business address is One Tampa Center, Tampa, Florida 33601-0110. My current position is Regional Director - Regulatory and Industry Affairs.

Q. DID YOU FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to address issues relating to 911 service, numbering resources, and number portability.

Q. WHAT IS GTE'S POSITION ON 911 SERVICE AS ADDRESSED IN THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESS PRICE?

A. GTEFL supports the provision of 911 service. GTEFL's parameters for 911 Service appear in its Interconnection Agreement with ICI which has been approved by this Commission. In addition, MCI and GTEFL have agreed on language for 911 service for an interim contract. GTEFL is unaware of any outstanding issues for this service. However, Mr. Price's testimony does not reflect the contract

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1 language agreed to between MCI and GTEFL relative to outages.
2 GTEFL would recommend this be handled consistent with the
3 contract language already agreed to by MCI.

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5 **Q. WHAT IS GTE'S POSITION ON THE APPROPRIATE RATES,**
6 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO CODE**
7 **ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER NUMBERING RESOURCES?**

8 A. To the extent GTE serves as Central Office Code Administrator for a
9 given region (GTEFL is the Administrator for the 813 and 941 area
10 codes), GTE will support all AT&T and MCI requests related to central
11 office (NXX) code administration and assignments in an effective and
12 timely manner. All carriers should comply with code administration
13 requirements as prescribed by the Federal Communications
14 Commission, this Commission, and accepted industry guidelines. It
15 should be the responsibility of each carrier to program and update its
16 own switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to
17 the other carrier's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither carrier
18 shall impose any fees or charges whatsoever on the other carrier for
19 such activities.

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22 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MCI'S POSITION THAT THERE SHOULD**
23 **BE NO EXPLICIT MONTHLY RECURRING CHARGE FOR REMOTE**
24 **CALL FORWARDING (RCF) AND EACH CARRIER SHOULD BEAR**
25 **THEIR OWN COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE INTERIM NUMBER**

1 **PORTABILITY MECHANISM?**

2 A. No, I do not. As addressed in my Direct Testimony, the Commission
3 has already approved tariffs and these tariffs should continue in
4 effect. In any case, the proper docket for this issue is Docket No.
5 950737-TP (with hearings scheduled for November 25, 1996) where
6 this issue will be addressed on a generic basis consistent with the
7 original Commission Order on this subject. GTE's position on this
8 subject is more fully addressed in that Docket.

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10 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MCI WITNESS PRICE THAT THE**
11 **COMMISSION SHOULD DIRECT THE INCUMBENT LEC TO**
12 **ADOPT MEET-POINT BILL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS**
13 **CHARGES PAID BY IXCS FOR CALLS TERMINATED VIA LEC-**
14 **PROVIDED RCF OR DIRECT INWARD DIALING (DID)?**

15 A. No, I do not. As stated in my Direct Testimony in the AT&T arbitration
16 case, MCI's proposal would require major billing system modifications
17 for something that is only going to be used for a limited time period.
18 It is plainly inefficient and unduly burdensome to expect GTEFL to
19 make such extensive modifications.

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21 **Q. IN YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY, YOU DESCRIBE FLEX-DID. IS**
22 **THIS ARRANGEMENT THE SAME AS DID SERVICE?**

23 A. Yes. GTEFL does not have any arrangement other than DID Service
24 comparable to the service currently provided to end users.

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1 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. PRICE'S ARBITRATION ISSUES FOR**
2 **LONG TERM PORTABILITY AS CONTAINED IN EXHIBIT DGP-4?**

3 **A. No, I do not. This Commission has already established Docket No.**
4 **960100-TP to address long term number portability. In addition, at**
5 **the September 26, 1996 LNP Steering Committee meeting, the**
6 **parties agreed to a stipulation for the Florida Public Service**
7 **Commission to enter an Order which would allow the Florida**
8 **companies to join the Georgia LLC so that a regional database may**
9 **be developed. This stipulation should be filed at the Commission**
10 **within the next week.**

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12 **Q. DOES THAT COMPLETE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

13 **A. Yes, it does.**

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