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September 22, 1998

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

Re: Docket No. 980696-TP
Determination of the cost of basic local telecommunications service,
pursuant to Section 364.025, Florida Statutes

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing two copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's letter to MCI stating its objections to MCI's First Request for Production of Documents in the above matter. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (813) 483-2617.

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Very truly yours,

CMC _____ *Ernesto Mayor Jr.*
CTR _____
EAG _____
Kimberly Caswell

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September 21, 1998

Re: Determination of the Cost of Basic Local Telecommunications Service,
Pursuant to Section 364.025, Florida Statutes

Dear Rick:

This is GTE Florida Incorporated's notice that it objects to MCI's entire First Request for Production of Documents to GTE Florida Incorporated. As we discussed on Friday, the Request came too late. It was served on me at my Tampa address (the proper service address for all correspondence and filings in this docket) on September 17, 1998. The procedural order in this docket requires all discovery to be completed by October 5, 1998. (Order No. PSC-98-0813-PCO-TP, issued June 19, 1998.) By my calculations, responses to your Request would not be due until October 7 (20 days from September 17), which is two days past the discovery cut-off. Thus, GTE does not plan to respond (or further object) to the Request.

If you have any questions, please call me.

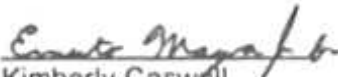
Sincerely,

Kimberly Caswell

KC:cw

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's letter to MCI stating its objections to MCI's First Request for Production of Documents in Docket No. 980696-TP were sent via overnight mail on September 21, 1998(*) and U.S. mail on September 22, 1998, to the parties on the attached list.


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