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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records & Reporting  
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Re: Docket No. 000105-TL  
Joint FCC/State Affiliate Transaction Audit  
Florida Audit Control No. 97-027-3-1 - GTE Florida Incorporated

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On February 1, 2000, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTE) filed a Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Permanent Protective Order (Request) covering certain confidential information produced to Staff in the above-referenced audit. In subsequent discussions with Commission Staff, GTE learned that it may not have followed the most appropriate procedure for protection of confidential audit material. As such, GTE is hereby withdrawing its Request submitted on February 1, because it is not necessary.

Instead, by means of this letter, GTE requests confidential treatment for the information at issue, in accordance with Section 364.183(1) of the Florida Statutes and Section 25-22.006(5) of the Commission Rules. GTE understands that those provisions protect the claimed confidential information from public disclosure and exempt it from Florida Statutes Section 119.07(1) and Section 24(a), Article I of the Florida Constitution.

GTE filed the requisite highlighted and redacted copies of the confidential information with its Request. Please associate those copies of the confidential information with this letter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Caswell

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c: Cathy Bedell, General Counsel  
Noreen Davis, Director of Legal Services  
Bob Freeman, Auditing and Financial Analysis

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