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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

Docket No.

Investigation into Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements (Sprint/Verizon track)

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and one copy of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Notice of Service of Responses to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-18) and Notice of Service of Responses to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-18). Also enclosed are an original and 15 copies of a Request for Confidential Classification regarding certain information produced in response to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents (No. 3). 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.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Caswell

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KC:tas Enclosures This confidentiality request was filed by or for a "telco" for DN 15435-01. No ruling is required unless the material is subject to a request per 119.07, FS, or is admitted in the record per Rule 25-22.006(8)(b), FAC.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements

Docket No. 990649B-TP Filed: December 21, 2001

VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information produced in response to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents (No. 3) in this proceeding. While a ruling on this Request is pending, Verizon understands that the information at issue is exempt from Florida Statutes section 119.07(1) and Staff will accord it the stringent protection from disclosure required by Rule 25-22.006(3)(d). A highlighted, unredacted copy of the confidential material is attached to the original of this request as Exhibit A. Due to the nature and volume of the document, only certain pages have been redacted and attached as Exhibit B.

All of the information for which Verizon seeks confidential treatment falls within Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(e), which defines the term, "proprietary confidential business information," to include "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information." This document is an agenda and summary of presentations from a private meeting with rating agencies. These kinds of documents are typically not disclosed by any company and are regarded as highly confidential and competitively sensitive. The document contains detailed information on Verizon's strategic objectives, finances, capital spending plans, operations, and business projections. This kind of information, if publicly disclosed,

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would give Verizon's competitors an artificial competitive advantage, allowing them to successfully compete against Verizon without the usual market trial and error.

Respectfully submitted on December 21, 2001.

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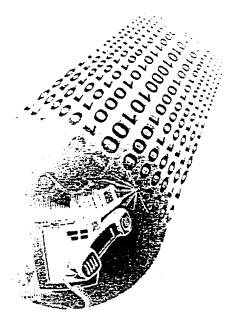
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