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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. 030851-TP

Implementation of requirements arising from Federal Communications Commission's triennial UNE Review: Local Circuit Switching for Mass Market Customers

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and 15 copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in connection with the Company's responses to Staff's Second Request for Production of Documents (No. 17) 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 813-483-1256.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Chaples

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This confidentiality request was filed by or for a "telco" for DN 13546-02. 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: Implementation of requirements arising) from Federal Communications Commission's) Triennial UNE review: Local Circuit Switching) for Mass Market Customers)

Docket No. 030851-TP Filed: December 29, 2003

VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for certain information contained in the Company's responses to Staff's Second Request for Production of Documents (No. 17) in this proceeding.

All of the information for which Verizon seeks confidential treatment falls within Florida Statutes section 364.183(3), which defines "proprietary confidential business information" as:

Information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public.

Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(a) expressly provide that "trade secrets" fall within the definition of "proprietary confidential business information." Florida Statutes section 364.183(3)(e), further provides that "proprietary confidential business information" includes "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information."

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If competitors were able to acquire this detailed and sensitive information

regarding Verizon, they could more easily develop entry and marketing strategies

to ensure success in competing with Verizon. This would afford them an unfair

advantage while severely jeopardizing Verizon's competitive position. In a

competitive business, any knowledge obtained about a competitor can be used

to the detriment of the entity to which it pertains, often in ways that cannot be

fully anticipated. This unfair advantage skews the operation of the market, to the

ultimate detriment of the telecommunications consumer. Accordingly, Verizon

respectfully requests that the Commission classify the identified documents as

confidential and enter an appropriate protective order.

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).

One highlighted copy of the confidential information is attached to the

original of this Request as Exhibit A. Two redacted copies are attached as

Exhibit B. A detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue

is attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted on December 29, 2003.

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EXHIBIT C

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| Attachment POD 17 (Bates Nos. VZ 1125 - VZ 1126) | All highlighted text | This is competitively sensitive, confidential business information that specifically identifies CLECs that maintain collocation facilities in Verizon central offices in Florida. Verizon maintains this information as confidential customer proprietary network information. |
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Verizon Florida Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. 030851-TP were sent via electronic mail and U.S. mail on December 29, 2003 to:

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