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July 31, 2009 – VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 080278-TL
Joint Petition for show cause proceedings against Verizon Florida LLC for
apparent violation of Rule 25-4.070, F.A.C., service availability, and impose fines,
by the Office of the Attorney General, Citizens of the State of Florida, and AARP

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing are an original and 15 copies of Verizon Florida LLC's Request for
Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order in connection with the Direct
Testimony of Earl Poucher filed on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida in this
proceeding. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there
are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (678) 259-1449.

Sincerely,

Dulaney L. O'Roark III

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This confidentiality request was filed by or
for a "telco" for DN 07948-09. 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: Joint Petition for show cause proceedings) Docket No. 080278-TL
against Verizon Florida LLC for apparent violation of) Filed: July 31, 2009
Rule 25-4.070, F.A.C., service availability, and)
impose fines, by the Office of the Attorney General,)
Citizens of the State of Florida, and AARP)
_____)

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

Under Commission Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., Verizon Florida LLC (Verizon) seeks confidential classification and a protective order for information contained in the Direct Testimony of Earl Poucher filed on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida 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 provides 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 information 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).

A highlighted copy of the confidential information is attached as Exhibit A. Two redacted copies of the confidential information are attached as Exhibit B. A detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue is attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted on July 31, 2009.

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EXHIBIT C

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION	LINE(S)/COLUMN(S)	REASON
Direct Testimony of Earl Poucher: Page 7 Page 9 Page 10 Exhibit REP-1: Pages 3,4,5,6,8,9 Exhibit REP-2: Pages 1,2,3,4 Exhibit REP-3: Pages 1,2,3 Exhibit REP-4: Pages 1,2 Exhibit REP-5: Pages 1,2,4,5	Lines 13-14 Lines 1-3; 16-17 Lines 6-7 All redacted text All redacted text All redacted text All redacted text All redacted text	This information includes internal management communications, budgets, analysis and information relating to Verizon's internal operations and operating procedures. This information is competitively sensitive, confidential and proprietary business information that has been confidentially maintained by Verizon.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

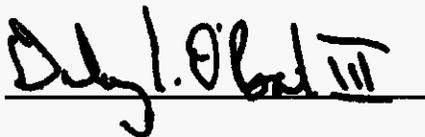
I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing were sent via electronic mail on July 31, 2009 to:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DATE: August 3, 2009

TO: Dulaney L. O'roark III, Verizon

FROM: Ruth Nettles, Office of Commission Clerk

RE: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Confidential Filing

This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket Number 080278 or, if filed in an undocketed matter, concerning information contained in Direct testimony of Earl Poucher filed on behalf of Citizens', and filed on behalf of Verizon. The document will be maintained in locked storage.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Marguerite Lockard, Deputy Clerk, at (850) 413-6770.

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