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Re: Docket No. 921074-TP

In the Matter of the Petition of Intermedia Communications of Florida, Inc. For Expanded Interconnection for AAVs Within LEC Central Offices

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On August 31, 1995, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) submitted its zone density pricing tariff in this docket. Attachment A, Page 6 of 41 of the supporting material showed proposed rates for various types of transport for each of three zones. As a result of workshops and subsequent negotiations in this docket, GTEFL has revised some of its transport rates for each zone. The enclosed page shows the new rates and is intended to replace the originally submitted Page 6 of 41 of Attachment A.

Please note also that this revised page contains confidential cost information in the "LRIC" column. This column summarizes information found on the confidential replacement pages (numbered 14 through 16 of 41) submitted to the Commission on November 15, 1995. (The original confidential pages were submitted on August 31.)

The confidential information on the revised page now being filed is covered by GTEFL's Request for Confidential Classification filed on August 31, 1995. A copy of that Request is enclosed for your convenience.

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Permanent Protective Order for certain information contained in the Company's Zone Density Pricing tariff filed in this docket by order of the Commission. GTEFL believes the recent revisions to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, render this Request unnecessary to protect the confidentiality of the information at issue. (See ch. 364.183.) GTEFL is filing this Request only because of the Commission Legal Staff's preference to keep existing confidentiality procedures in place until the Commission can conclude a rulemaking to formally establish new procedures.

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of INTERMEDIA )
COMMUNICATIONS OF FLORIDA, INC.)
for expanded interconnection for )
AAVs within LEC central offices )

Docket No. 921074-TP Filed: August 31, 1995

# GTE FLORIDA'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDER

By Order numbers PSC-95-0034-FOF-TP and PSC-95-0680-FOF-TP, GTE Florida incorporated (GTEFL) was directed to file zone density tariffs and supporting information for restructured local transport rates. With this Request, GTEFL seeks confidential classification and a permanent protective order for certain information in the tariff filing, also submitted today.

While a ruling on this request is pending, GTEFL 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). Highlighted, unredacted copies of the confidential material are attached to only the original of this Request as Exhibit A. Redacted copies of these items are attached to this Request as Exhibit B. Exhibit C is a line-by-line justification of confidentiality.

All of the information for which GTEFL seeks confidential treatment fits 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." GTEFL closely guards this information, disclosing it to only those with a need to know it.

As reflected in the line-by-line justification, the confidential information in this filing falls within two general categories: (1) a map showing GTEFL's high-volume customer locations; (2) detailed cost support for each element in GTEFL's zone tariff rates.

The competitively sensitive nature of the map accompanying the tariff filing is selfevident. The map shows the placement of two alternate access vendor (AAV) networks
in the Tampa Bay area, along with an overlay of the location of GTEFL's largest customers
there. The confidential portion of the exhibit is GTEFL's customer locations. Public
disclosure of this information would provide GTEFL's competitors with a plan for marketing
their own services. They could discern where GTEFL's most lucrative customers are and
try to convince them to leave GTEFL. Comprehensive knowledge of the location of these
potential customers could also help competitors devise the most effective network
expansion strategies.

The other type of information for which GTEFL seeks protection is cost studies underlying its proposed zone transport rates. Figures given include long-run incremental cost of all components of the transport service; investment, expenses, and total cost by USOA account number; special and dedicated transport cost breakdown, with weighting factors; costs per loop length; respective costs per DS-3, DS-1, and DS-0; pricing components and calculations; and incremental monthly costs of assets and monthly expenses for transport elements. This detailed cost information, coupled with public data about GTEFL's prices, would permit competitors to discern GTEFL's profit margins and the lowest prices it could charge for its services. Public disclosure of this information would thus enable GTEFL's competitors to devise marketing, entry, and expansion strategies to

ensure their success in competing with GTEFL. Competitors could structure their operations to most efficiently compete with GTEFL and undercut its prices. In addition, disclosure of investment information about specific equipment costs could weaken GTEFL's ability to obtain favorable prices from its vendors in the future.

The transport facilities addressed in this Request and associated tariff filing are subject to ever-increasing competitive pressures. Numerous AAVs are have been certified in Florida, some of them competing directly with GTEFL. The nature and number of competitors will increase exponentially with the new legislation allowing local competition in Florida. In this environment, the smallest competitive advantage could be decisive, and all competitors have a patent interest in gaining any such advantage. Unauthorized disclosure of any information about a company could be used to its detriment, in ways that probably cannot even be anticipated.

When competitive advantages are legitimately obtained through trial and error, the marketplace works as it should. However, if useful competitive information is instead disclosed publicly in a regulatory proceeding, the benefits derived from this information are unfair and will hinder efficient market operation, to the ultimate detriment of the consumer.

For all these reasons, GTEFL asks the Commission to grant this Request for confidential treatment of the specified information and to issue a permanent protective order with regard to these data.

Respectfully submitted on August 31, 1995.

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### MEMORANDUM

## December 1, 1995

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