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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Room 110, Easley Building Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re:

Docket Nos. 980253-TX

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above captioned docket are an original and fifteen copies of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Posthearing Comments.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Rule 25-4.300, F.A.C., Scope and Definitions; 25-4.301, F.A.C., Applicability of Fresh Look; and 25-4.302, F.A.C., Termination of LEC Contracts.

Docket No. 980253-TX Filed: June 16, 1999

POSTHEARING COMMENTS OF e.spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire™ Communications, Inc. ("e.spire") herewith submits its posthearing comments in support of the adoption of a Fresh Look Rule in this docket.

- e.spire supports the development and adoption of a Fresh Look Rule and urges the Commission to move forward with adoption of a rule. This will further the move toward the goal of local competition.
- 2. The Commission has received comments in support of the adoption of rules from several parties, and rather than adding extensive comments, e.spire would concur with the posthearing comments submitted on behalf of the Florida Competitive Carriers Association. However, as noted in our initial comments, we would also urge the Commission to modify the proposed rule to make it clear that it applies to any and all advanced telecommunications services including wireline, broadband service such as services that rely on digital subscriber line technology and packet switched technology, i.e., data traffic (e.spire comments filed April 23, 1999, p. 2).

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Posthearing Comments in Docket No. 980253-TX have been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 16th day of June, 1999.

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