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Re: Docket Nos. 981834-TP & 990321-TP
Rhythms' Qualified Representative Request
for Kristin Smith

Dear Ms. Bayó:

This is the request of Rhythms Links Inc. ("Rhythms") pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, for authorization for the following person to appear as a Qualified Representative for Rhythms in Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP:

Kristin Smith
Blumenfeld & Cohen
1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

As shown by the attached affidavit, Ms. Smith is a licensed attorney in good standing in the District of Columbia and meets the qualifications set out in Rule 28-106.106(4), Florida Administrative Code. She is thus able to represent Rhythms' interests in a manner that will not impair the fairness of this proceeding or the correctness of the action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Melson

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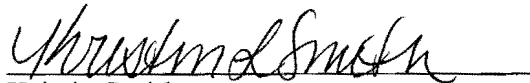
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The undersigned, first being duly sworn, states that:

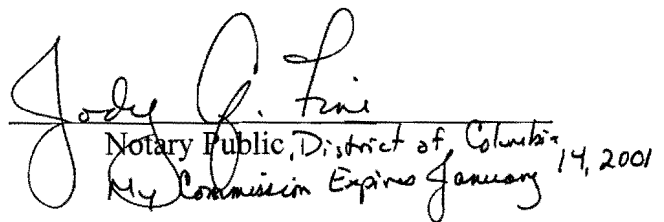
1. She is associated with the law firm of Blumenfeld & Cohen which represents Rhythms Links Inc. (Rhythms) on regulatory matters throughout the country.
2. She possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Rhythms' interests in Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP.
3. She is an attorney admitted to practice, and in good standing, in the District of Columbia (Bar No. 462932); has practiced before other utility regulatory agencies; has knowledge of the Florida Statutes relative to the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission); has knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative proceedings; has knowledge of the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has knowledge of the factual and legal issues in Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP; and has knowledge of, and will comply with, the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code.



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2000, by Kristin Smith, who
() is personally known to me OR
 produced Washington, DC Drivers License No. 310-02-6424 as
identification.


Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires January 14, 2001