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Docket Nos. 000500-TP and 000501-TP

Rhythms' Qualified Representative Request

for Jeremy Marcus

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Dear Ms. Bayó:

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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. 000500-TP and 000501-TP:

> Jeremy Marcus Blumenfeld & Cohen 1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW Suite 320 Washington, DC 20036

As shown by the attached affidavit, Mr. Marcus is a licensed attorney in good standing in New York and Georgia and meets the qualifications set out in Rule 28-106.106(4), Florida Administrative Code. He 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.

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The undersigned, first being duly sworn, states that:

- 1. He is associated with the law firm of Blumenfeld & Cohen which represents Rhythms Links Inc. (Rhythms) on regulatory matters throughout the country.
- 2. He possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Rhythms' interests in Docket Nos. 000500-TP and 000501-TP.
- 3. He is an attorney admitted to practice, and in good standing, in the states of New York (Bar No. __n/a___) and Georgia (Bar No. __u^2 o 255_____); has practiced extensively 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. 000500-TP and 000501-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.

Jeremy Marcus Blumenfeld & Cohen

1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW

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District of Columbia

Sworn to and subscribed before me this $\frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{2}}$ day of May, 2000, by who () is	
Drivers License No. 769-65-9375 as identification.		

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served this 5th day of May, 2000, on the following:

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