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

Re:

Docket No. 000072-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. are an original and fifteen copies of e.spire's Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration in the above referenced docket.

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.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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In re: Petition by ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc.)	
d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc., for arbitration of)	
certain unresolved issues in an interconnection)	Docket No. 000072-TP
agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,)	Filed: May 25, 2000
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E.SPIRE'S NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR ARBITRATION

COMES NOW ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc., ("e.spire"), through undersigned counsel, herewith withdraws its Petition for Arbitration in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration have been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 25th day of May, 2000.

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