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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

Dear Ms. Bayó:

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Enclosed for filing are an original and six copies of Comm South Companies, Inc. d/b/a Florida Comm South's Application for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service Within the State of Florida. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the application fee.

The financial information requested with the application is considered by the applicant to be proprietary and confidential. This information would be of use to competitors and disclosure would impede the activities of the Company. Applicant thus requests that the financial data be treated as 20/621-77 Eonfidential material pursuant to section 364.183, Florida Statutes. Redacted versions of the information are attached to the application.

Also enclosed is Comm South Companies, Inc.'s original response to Staff's Data Request regarding basic local telecommunications service which contains confidential material and 15 copies of the redacted response to the data request.

Comm South Companies, Inc. considers and treats information relative to access lines and accounts as proprietary and confidential. Accordingly, Comm South Companies, Inc. request that the highlighted response to 3a (Exhibit 1) be treated as confidential pursuant to section 364.183, Florida Statutes.

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Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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