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Re: Application of Everest Broadband Networks Inc. for Determination of Status as an Exempt Telecommunications Company

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Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Enclosed herewith for filing, on behalf of Everest Broadband Networks Inc. ("Everest"), is an Application for Determination of Status as an Exempt Telecommunications Company. This filing is being made pursuant to Section 34(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and Section 1.5000 *et seq.* of the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission").

An extra copy of this filing is enclosed for date-stamping and return by the Commission.

Please address any inquiries regarding this matter to the undersigned counsel for Everest.

Very truly yours,

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Andrea S. Miano

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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20054

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Everest Broadband Networks Inc.)	FCC File No
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APPLICATION OF EVEREST BROADBAND NETWORKS INC. FOR DETERMINATION OF STATUS AS AN EXEMPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 34(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("PUHCA"), and Section 1.5000 *et seq.* of the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. §1.5000 *et seq.*, Everest Broadband Networks Inc. ("Everest" or "Applicant") hereby applies for a determination that it is an exempt telecommunications company ("ETC"). In support of this Application, Applicant sets forth the following:

1. Everest is a privately-held corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware. Its principal place of business is located at One Executive Drive, Suite 170, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024.

2. Everest provides a range of high-speed Internet access, long-distance telephone service, digital broadcast satellite television, and related broadband services in multi-tenant commercial and residential buildings and hotels. Everest is and will be engaged directly or indirectly through one or more "affiliates," as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of PUHCA, exclusively in the business of providing telecommunications services, information services, other services or products subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and/or products or services that are related or incidental to the provision of such products or services within the meaning of Section 34(a)(1) of PUHCA.

3. Exelon Capital Partners, Inc. ("ECAP"), a Delaware corporation, is an SEC approved indirect investment affiliate of Exelon Corporation ("Exelon"), a PUHCA registered holding company. *See Exelon Corporation*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 35-27256 (October 19, 2000). Public utility companies that are PUHCA associates of ECAP include PECO Energy Company and Commonwealth Edison Company. ECAP intends to acquire approximately a 10.3 percent ownership interest in Everest after Everest becomes an ETC.

4. In 2001 Exelon intends to undertake a system-wide corporate restructuring that will realign its holdings. As a result of this restructuring some of ECAP's upstream owners are expected to change, but Exelon will remain the ultimate parent of the holding company system. The Exelon corporate reorganization should not have any material effect on the manner in which Everest conducts its business or on the pertinent facts set forth in this Application.

5. Everest hereby certifies that neither it nor any party to this application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 862 and accordingly, Everest satisfies part 1, subpart P of the Commission regulations, 47 C.F.R. §1.2001 through 1.2003, regarding implementation of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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6. All communications regarding this application should be addressed to the

following:

David Leach, Communications Industry Advisor Andrea Miano, Esquire Dewey Ballantine LLP 1775 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20006 (202) 429-2381 (phone) (202) 862-1093 (fax)

7. Based on the foregoing facts and representations, Everest satisfies the requirements for ETC status and respectfully requests that the Commission determine that it is an ETC.

Respectfully submitted,

EVEREST BROADBAND NETWORKS

By:

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Its Counsel

Dated: October 31, 2000

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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AFFIDAVIT OF JEFFREY FELDMAN IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF EVEREST BROADBAND NETWORKS INC. FOR DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY STATUS

State of _____)

County of _____)

Jeffrey Feldman, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Everest Broadband Networks Inc.

("Everest" or "Applicant"), and in that capacity I am legally authorized to bind Everest.

2. I have read the foregoing application which was prepared by counsel and know the contents thereof. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I know the facts and representations stated therein to be true and correct.

3. To the best of my knowledge and belief, Everest will be engaged, directly and indirectly, wherever located, through one or more affiliates, as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and exclusively in the business of providing: (i) telecommunications services; (ii) information services; (iii) other services or products subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission; or (iv) products or services that are related or incidental to the provision of a product or service described in (i), (ii), and (iii).

4. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the Applicant satisfies part 1, subpart P, of the Federal Communications Commission's regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 1.2001 through 1.2003, regarding implementation of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21,

U.S.C. 862.

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Jeffrey Feldman

Sworn to before me this <u>3044</u> day of <u>Crober</u>, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Andrea S. Miano, hereby certify that the foregoing Application for

Determination of Exempt Telecommunications Company Status of Everest Broadband Networks Inc. was served this day of October, 2000, via first class mail, upon the

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