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April 25, 2002

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

Re: Docket No. 010977-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the signed Affidavit of Mr. Leon Conner on behalf of Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc. in the above-referenced matter.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, U. Jeffry Wahlen

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record David Dowds (H/D)

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BAKER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Leon Conner, who deposed and said:

1. My name is Leon Conner. I am employed by Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc. ("Northeast" or the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Northeast hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2003 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Leon Conner, President

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BAKER

Acknowledged before me this 10th day of April, 2002, by Leon Conner, as President of Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc., who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Eileen Stavely COMMISSION # CC770365 EXPIRES August 25, 2002 BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE INC.

Personally Known Produced Identification Type of Identification Produced

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by e-mail transmission, U. S. Mail, or hand delivery (*) this 25th day of April, 2002, to the following:

Mary (Beth) Keating* Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

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