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## **VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

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Executive Secretary Florida Public Service Commission Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE:

Notification by Reliant Communications, Inc.

Lisa Crawford and Robert Sorrentino

of the Transfer of Control of Reliant Communications. Inc.

## Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Reliant Communications, Inc. ("Reliant"), Lisa Crawford ("Crawford") and Robert Sorrentino ("Sorrentino") (together referred to as the "Parties"), this letter is to advise the Commission of the transfer of control of Reliant from Crawford to Sorrentino.

It is our understanding, based upon review of the applicable statutes and regulations, that this transaction does not require prior Commission approval. Accordingly, absent written notice to the contrary within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, the parties will proceed to consummate the transaction in a timely fashion.

The Parties propose a transaction whereby Sorrentino will acquire all of Crawford's shares in Reliant Business Services, Inc.<sup>2</sup> This transaction does not involve transfer of operating authority nor any transfer of customers. The transaction will only involve a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lisa Crawford (formerly known as Lisa Rogers) owns 100% of the shares of Reliant Business Services, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reliant Business Services, Inc., owns 100% of the stock of Reliant Communications, Inc.

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change of the ultimate control of Reliant Communications, Inc., by virtue of the transfer of stock from Crawford to Sorrentino. Reliant Communications, Inc. will continue to provide competitive telecommunications services to its existing customers in this State using the same technical and managerial personnel following consummation of the proposed transaction. Because the Florida Reliant customers will continue to be served by Reliant following consummation of the subject transaction, it is respectfully submitted that the provisions of the Florida Administrative Code, Rule 25-4.118, should not apply to this matter.

Reliant Communications, Inc. is a Georgia corporation headquartered at 801 International Parkway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lake Mary, Florida, 32746. Reliant is authorized to provide local, intrastate, interstate and international long distance telecommunication services in 42 states. Reliant Communications, Inc., is a certificated provider of resold local and long distance services in this State.<sup>3</sup> Crawford is an individual whose business address is 801 International Parkway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lake Mary, Florida, 32746. Crawford has no certificates of authority. Sorrentino is an individual whose business address 651 High Street, Suite 204, Burlington, New Jersey, 08016.

The proposed transaction will accomplish the following:

Sorrentino will acquire 100% of the stock in Reliant Business Services, Inc. from Crawford. The proposed transfer will be seamless to Reliant's customers. Reliant's name, rates and service offerings, as reflected in its tariffs, will not change as a result of the proposed transaction. There will be no interruption of service. The physical assets, property, and personnel of Reliant Communications, Inc., will remain the same after the change in control. The customer service numbers for billing and service problems, liaison with Commission staff and tariffed rates will remain the same.

The proposed transaction will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Consummation of the proposed transaction will result in net benefits to Reliant's customers by strengthening the financial status of Reliant. The transaction will enhance Reliant's ability to offer a broader range of innovative products and services to customers.

The Commission's ability and authority to regulate Reliant and to ensure that it satisfies all obligations, commitments and regulatory requirements established by the laws

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Reliant received its authority to provide long distance telecommunications services in this State pursuant to Docket No. 980-771-TI dated August 24, 1998. Reliant received its authority to provide resold local services in this State pursuant to Docket No. 990039-TX dated March 26, 1999.

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of this state and the Commission will remain unchanged. Thus, there are no potential public interest harms raised by the proposed transaction and there will be clear benefits to the public upon the closing of this transaction.

The parties are forwarding this letter to the Commission for informational purposes, to be included in the appropriate files. Absent receipt of written notification to the contrary within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, we will proceed with the understanding that no approval or other formal action is required by the Commission prior to consummation of the proposed transaction.

Enclosed are the original and six (6) copies of this letter. Please return one (1) of the copies file-stamped in the envelope provided. If you need any further information or have any questions regarding the matters discussed herein, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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