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Re: Docket No. 980947-TL

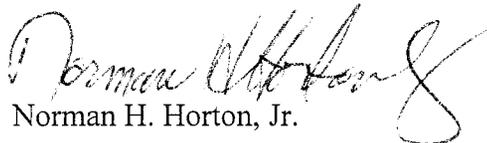
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above captioned docket are an original and fifteen copies of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene.

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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s)	
Petition for temporary waiver of physical)	
collocation requirement set forth in the 1996)	Docket No. 980947-TL
Telecommunications Act and the FCC's First)	Filed: September 16, 1998
Report and Order, for the for the Boca Raton)	
Boca Teeca Central Office)	
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

American Communications Services, Inc. - Jacksonville, Inc., d/b/a e.spireTM Communications, Inc. ("e.spire"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Petition to Intervene in this docket and as grounds would show:

1. The name and address of petitioner is:

e.spireTM Communications, Inc.
 133 National Business Parkway, Suite 200
 Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701
 Tel: 301-361-4298
 Fax: 301-361-4277

2. Copies of notices, pleadings and documents in this proceeding should be provided

to:

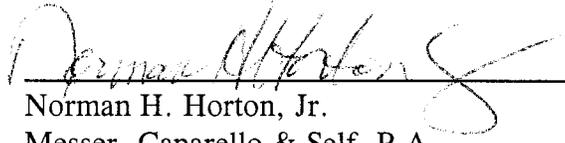
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3. e.spire is a certificated alternative local exchange carrier in Florida.
4. e.spire has requested physical collocation with BellSouth at several central offices

and its substantial interests will be affected by the ruling on this petition.

WHEREFORE, e.spire respectfully requests that the Commission grant the request to intervene.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman H. Horton, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 980947-TL has been furnished by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U.S. Mail to the following parties of record this 16th day of September, 1998:

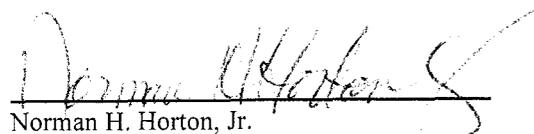
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