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Re: Docket No. 990036-TP

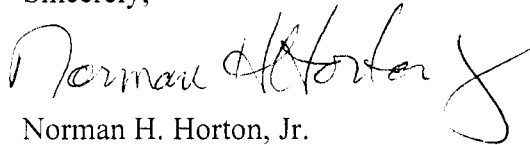
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. is an original and fifteen copies of e.spire's Motion to Extension of Time for Response in the above captioned docket.

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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cc: James C. Falvey, Esq.
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Complaint of e.spire Communications, Inc. for)
Enforcement of its Interconnection Agreement) Docket No. 990036-TP
With BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) Filed: February 5, 1999
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Comes now American Communications Services, Inc. - Jacksonville, Inc., d/b/a e.spire™ Communications, Inc. (“e.spire”), and files this Motion for Extension of Time to respond to the Motion to Dismiss filed by BellSouth. As basis e.spire would show:

1. On January 8, 1999, e.spire filed a complaint for enforcement of its Interconnection Agreement and on January 28 BellSouth filed a Motion to Dismiss the Complaint.
2. The Response to the Motion to Dismiss is due February 9, 1999, but e.spire would request additional time to file its response. As noted in the Motion, e.spire has a pending arbitration with BellSouth and with the activity and the schedule of filings in that case, an extension of time to respond to the Motion to Dismiss is necessary.
3. This request has been discussed with counsel for BellSouth who does not object to the request.

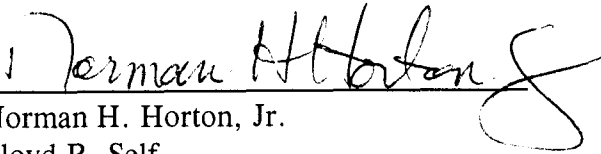
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Wherefore, e.spire requests the Commission grant an extension of time to respond to the Motion to Dismiss with the response being due February 19, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Norman H. Horton, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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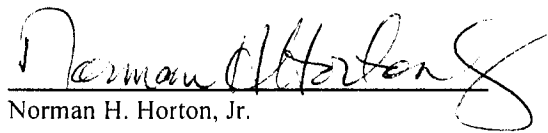
Attorneys for e.spire Communications, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time in Docket No. 990036-TP have been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 5th day of February, 1999.

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