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Re: **Application of ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. for Authority to
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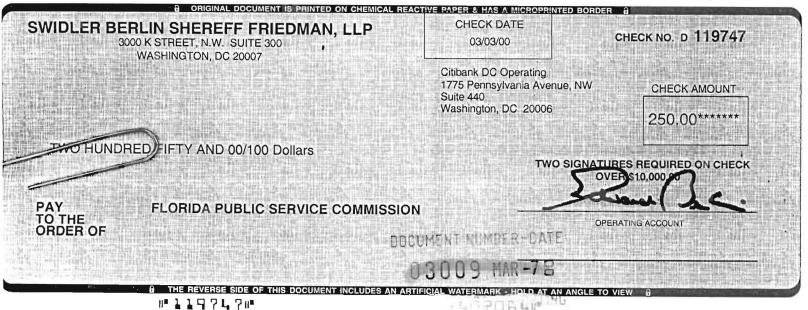Dear Ms. Bayo:

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      Please note that ConnectSouth is requesting confidential treatment of its financial statements which are attached as Exhibit 1 to its certification application. Pursuant to Section 364.183(1) of the Florida Rules of Practice and Procedure, ConnectSouth is filing one original copy of its financial information and two (2) redacted copies. The financial information included in Exhibit 1 to ConnectSouth's application, contains proprietary, commercially sensitive information that, if disseminated, could be used to the Applicant's detriment by competitors. Applicant therefore respectfully seeks to have this information protected as it constitutes sensitive and proprietary data.

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Respectfully yours,

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Enclosures

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