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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Room 110, Easley Building
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: 2000 ALEC Data Request


Dear Ms. Bayó:

On behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc., enclosed are revised pages 12, 14, and 16 to be attached to e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Response filed on August 14, 2000. Also attached in a separate envelope is a revised confidential version of pages 12, 14, and 16 to be attached to the confidential copy of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Response being retained by your office.

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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LEG _____ cc: James C. Falvey, Esq.
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5. For each exchange where you are providing any form of residential local telephone service, please identify by exchange (list of exchanges is attached), the number of residential access lines served as of June 30, 2000 (See example below)
e.spire does not currently serve residential customers.
6. For each exchange where you are providing any form of business local telephone services, please identify by exchange, the number of business access lines served as of June 30, 2000. (See example below)



7. For billing and accounting purposes, do you differentiate between residential and business customers?

e.spire does not currently serve residential customers.

- a. Are you currently offering any enhanced services? If yes, what are they?

Yes. Automatic Call Back, Automatic Recall, Call Block, Automatic Recall Blocking, Caller ID Name Delivery, Caller ID Number Delivery, Directory Number Privacy, Preferred Call Forwarding, Automatic Call Back Blocking, Call Selector, Call Tracing, Caller ID Block (per Line), Call Forwarding Variable, Call Forwarding Busy Line, Call Forwarding No Answer, Remote Activation of CFV, Remote Call Forwarding, Call Waiting Terminating, Three Way Conference Calling, Speed Calling 30, IndentiRing, Anonymous Call Rejection, Three-way Calling, Call Transfer, Call Forwarding Multipath, Selective Class of Call Screening

- b. Have you experienced any significant barriers in entering Florida's local exchange markets? Please list and describe any obstacles or barriers encountered.

Yes. ILEC UNE pricing; ILEC interconnection trunking and loop performance; failure by GTE to make payments on services rendered, including millions of dollars of overdue reciprocal compensation payments; failure by ILECs to unbundled the network, including lack of combinations and new UNEs; and building access issues.

- c. Have you experienced any difficulties involving any agreements you may have with incumbent LECs? If so, please describe any significant problems encountered.

Yes. See above.

- d. Do you anticipate that your long-term manner of providing service will differ from your current practice? If so, do you expect becoming a full scale facilities-based provider?

No. e.spire is already 95% facilities-based.

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- d. Are you currently providing any other telecommunications services in Florida (i.e., other than local service)? If yes, please list the services provided.
N/A
9. Please list your primary line of business (for example, entertainment, cable television, private line/special access service, interexchange service, local service, cellular service, paging service, electric service, municipality, etc.)
Integrated voice and data telecommunications services.
10. At any time during the last 12 months have you provided local telephone services in Florida and then withdrawn the service? If yes, please discuss the reasons for this decision.
No.
11. If you or an affiliate provides cable television in Florida, do you offer any package plans combining cable television and local telephone services? If so, please indicate where such packages are being offered.
N/A
12. If you or an affiliate provides long distance telephone service in Florida, do you offer any package plans combining long distance and local telephone services? If so, please describe any such plans and their terms and conditions. Is subscribing to both local telephone and long distance a condition of providing service?

Yes. Please see below.

espire Platinum

espire PLATINUM is offering a total package product offering of Local services with optional Long Distance, Toll Free and custom calling features. This product is only available to local end user service customers originating on espire facilities off its Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa, Florida switches. espire Platinum is available under One, Two or Three Year Term Agreements. Each commitment level is available at the Monthly Recurring and Non-recurring rates as specified below.

espire Platinum service monthly fee includes Business Exchange Lines, Analog PBX Trunks and Digital PBX Trunks. Customers may select a combination of the line components of up to 24 potential lines per T-1.

Fixed Term Discounts apply to all ACSI Tariff Dial One IntraLATA, Intrastate and Interstate rates as noted respectively in the ACSI Florida End-User Price List No. 1 Tariff, the ACSI Florida Interexchange Services Tariff and the ACSI FCC No. 1 Interstate Services Tariff.

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- 14. Please describe any actions available to the Florida Public Service Commission which you believe should be taken to foster local exchange competitive market entry.**
Establish ombudsman to hear intercarrier disputes on an expedited (two-week) basis, as in Tennessee; expand availability of extended link combinations beyond current federal requirements; improve building access; improve quality and speed of ILEC provisioning; establish penalties for late payment of reciprocal compensation.
- 15. Please describe any actions which you may believe should be taken by the Florida legislature that would foster local exchange competitive market entry.**
Favorable building access legislation.
- 16. Please provide any additional comments or information you believe will assist staff in evaluating and reporting on the development of local exchange competition in Florida. In particular, we are seeking comment on obstacles that you believe may be impeding the growth of local competition in the state and any suggestions you may have on how to remove such obstacles.**
See 7(b) above.