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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Roberta S. Bass, Chief Office of Market Monitoring & Strategic Analysis Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: 2002 Local Competition Report Data Request

Business Telecom, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bass:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the response from Business Telecom, Inc. to the Florida 2002 Local Competition Report Data Request. The subject material with the confidential portions is highlighted.

The Local Competition Report Data Request and Attachments I, II, and IV contain the Company's responses to questions being filed under separate cover with claim of confidentiality, as provided for under Chapter 364.183(1), Florida Statutes. Also enclosed are two redacted copies of the same material.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by returning, dates stamped, the extra copy of this cover letter in the stamped self-addressed envelope which is provided for that purpose.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 863-7349. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Manager

Telecommunications

This claim of confidentiality was filed by or on behalf of a "telco".

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