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Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc.
"CompSouth"

November 1, 2002

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Blanca Bayo, Director
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Today, we are announcing the charter of a new competitive local exchange company trade association for the Southeast. The name of the association is Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. or CompSouth. Charter members include the fourteen CLECs listed on the attachment along with associate members COMPTTEL, ASCENT and PACE.

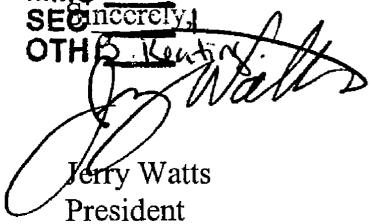
The purpose of the organization is to provide cooperation and coordination within the CLEC industry so we may better advocate at the state and federal level for the continued availability of all forms of competitive entry strategies prescribed by the 1996 Telecom Act. Contrary to the rhetoric currently being spread by BellSouth, the availability of all forms of competition, including resale, unbundled network elements and facility-based, are vital to the development of local service choice for both residential and business customers.

History has demonstrated that the role of the state regulator has been critical in earlier transitions from monopoly to competitive markets. While this type of transition is never easy, the benefits to consumers are undisputed. Without the pro-competitive policy and enforcement efforts by state regulators, the reality of a competitive long distance market could never have developed.

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Thank you for your continued leadership during this historic period in the telecommunications industry. A representative from CompSouth will contact you soon to request a meeting so that we may give you more information about the new organization and our member companies.

Sincerely,



Jerry Watts
President

Officers:
Jerry Watts, President
Rodney Page, Vice-President
Rose Mulvany Henry, Secretary/Treasurer

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