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Re: Docket Nos. 980947-TL, 980948-TL, 9801011-TL, and 981012-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. is one copy of a revised page 2 to be inserted in the direct testimony of James C. Falvey to correct lines 13 and 14.

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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2 Tennessee.

3 **Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE TESTIFYING IN THIS**  
4 **PROCEEDING?**

5 **A.** I am testifying on behalf of e.spire and its Florida operating subsidiaries,  
6 namely American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a  
7 e.spire Communications, Inc., and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc  
8 d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. e.spire, through its operating  
9 subsidiaries, provides a full range of local and long distance  
10 telecommunications services in Florida.

11 **Q. HAS E.SPIRE APPLIED FOR PHYSICAL COLLOCATION AND**  
12 **BEEN REJECTED IN FLORIDA?**

13 **A.** Yes. e.spire applied and was rejected in at least three central offices:  
14 North Dade Golden Glades, Boca Raton Boca Teeca, and Palm Beach  
15 Gardens. e.spire is particularly currently interested in physical  
16 collocation in these central offices in which it was rejected for physical  
17 collocation.

18 **Q. WHY DOES E.SPIRE REQUIRE PHYSICAL COLLOCATION?**

19 **A.** e.spire generally requires physical collocation because it provides greater  
20 control over its facilities and reduces costs in the long run. When e.spire  
21 obtains access to the equipment in its network, e.spire can manage the  
22 maintenance and repair of its equipment and resolve network issues more  
23 easily. e.spire's substantial experience with virtual collocation has  
24 confirmed that not having access causes delays and makes it much more  
25 difficult to access its equipment. In addition, over time, it becomes

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of revised page 2 of the Direct Testimony of James C. Falvey on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. in Docket Nos. 980947, 980948-TL, 981011-TL and 981012-TL has been furnished by Hand Delivery (\*) and/or U.S. Mail to the following parties of record this 15th day of April, 1999:

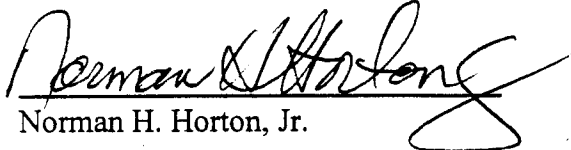
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