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Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director  
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Re: Communications Division Data Request in Docket No. 981444-TP  
e.spire's Claim for Confidential Treatment

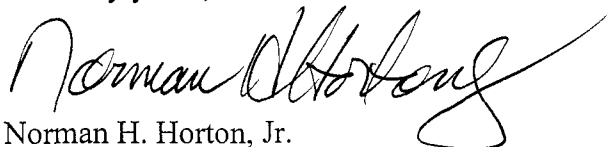
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing is the response of e.spire Communications, Inc. ("e.spire"), to the data request signed by Walter D'Haeseleer dated April 11, 2000. The response to the data request contains data e.spire claims to be confidential and proprietary business information that should be held exempt from public disclosure pursuant to section 364.183, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, in the attached envelope identified as Exhibit "A" is one paper copy of e.spire's response with the confidential information highlighted and attached as Exhibit "B" are two paper copies of e.spire's response with the confidential information redacted.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely yours,

  
Norman H. Horton, Jr.

This claim of confidentiality was filed by or on behalf of a "telco" for Confidential DN 05390-00. The document is in locked storage pending advice on handling. To access the material, your name must be on the CASR. If undocketed, your division director must obtain written EXD/Tech permission before you can access it.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

DATE: 4/16/00

TO: N. Holton

FROM: Blanca S. Bayo, Division of Records and Reporting

RE: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Confidential Filing

This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket No.

78444-77 or (if filed in an undocketed matter) concerning \_\_\_\_\_

4/11/00 data request, and filed on behalf of

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Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Kay Flynn at (850) 413-6744.

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