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Re: FPSC Docket No. 000121-TP

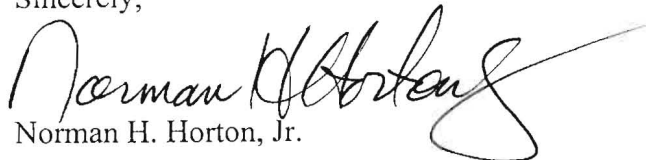
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf e.spire Communications, Inc. are an original and fifteen copies e.spire's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket.

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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into the Establishment of)
Operations Support Systems Permanent) Docket No. 000121-TP
Performance Measures for Incumbent Local) Filed: February 15, 2001
Exchange Telecommunications Companies)
_____)

PETITION TO INTERVENE

American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc.

(“e.spire”), through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Petition to Intervene in this docket and as grounds would show:

1. The name and address of petitioner is:

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2. Copies of notices, pleadings and documents in this proceeding should be provided

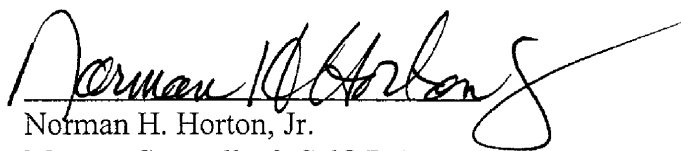
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3. e.spire is a certificated Alternative Local Exchange Carrier in Florida and provides service in the State as an ALEC, e.spire must utilize the operations support systems of incumbent local exchange companies in order to provide local exchange service. The establishment of performance measurements for OSS affects the ability to obtain services from ILECs thus e.spire

has a substantial interest in this proceeding. Accordingly, e.spire requests that it be allowed to intervene in this docket.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman H. Horton, Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 000121-TP has been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U.S. Mail this 15th day of February, 2001.

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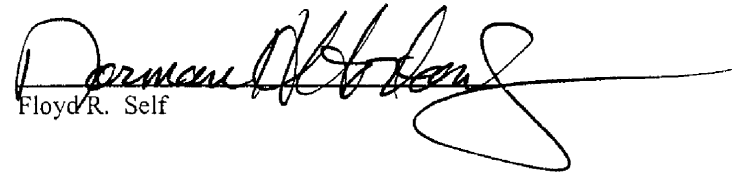
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