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Florida Public Service Commission Blanco S. Bayo, Director 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

VIA Federal Express

Re: Notice of Customer Purchase

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

This serves as notice that NOW Communications, Inc.¹ ("NOW") intends to consummate a contract with Gulf Coast Communications, Inc.² ("GCC") in which NOW would purchase the Florida residential local exchange customer base³ of GCC. Both companies are privately-held non-dominant resellers of local exchange service purchased from various certificated facilities-based ILECs.

The GCC customers would be switched to NOW's accounts during the first two weeks of June. GCC customers will be notified at least 15 days prior to the scheduled switching date. The notice will (1) include the toll-free number for NOW, (2) explain the monthly price difference between the two companies (GCC's basic residential monthly price is \$39.95 <u>plus</u> all taxes and surcharges; NOW's is \$49.00, <u>including</u> all taxes and surcharges - the net difference is negligible), and (3) will state that the customer has the option of selecting another local service provider.

It is my understanding after a review of the applicable statutes and rules that this purchase does not require prior Commission approval. Absent receipt of written notice to the contrary, the companies will proceed with the transaction on or about June 1, 2001.

Seven copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this notice and return to me in the enclosed envelope. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is requested.

Sincerely,

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R. Scott Seab, Esq.

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¹NOW's company code is TX197, certificate number 5652.

² GCC's company code is TX392, certificate number 5635.

³ This transaction involves approximately 4,000 such customers.