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Blanca S. Bayo Director, Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission **Betty Easley Conference Center** 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Re: Docket No. 960786-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

NewSouth Communications Corp. requests that Lori Reese, Vice President of Governmental Affairs with NewSouth, be named a qualified representative of NewSouth in Docket No. 960786-TL. An affidavit describing Ms. Reese's qualifications is attached.

Ms. Reese is located at Two North Main Street, Greenville, SC 29609, telephone number (864) 672-5177. NewSouth is aware that it can be represented by counsel as defined in Rule 28-206.106, Florida Administrative Code.

Sincerely,

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Vicki Gordon Kaufman Florida Bar No. 286672

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Parties of record

McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Decker, Kaufman, Arnold & Steen, P.A.

AFFIDAVIT `

Undersigned counsel, being first duly sworn, states that:

Undersigned counsel is currently employed by NewSouth Communications Corp. as Vice President, of Governmental Affairs, at the address and telephone number below.

Undersigned counsel possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent XO's interests in Docket No. 960786-TL.

Undersigned counsel is an attorney admitted to practice, and a member in good standing of the state of South Carolina, Bar No. 66388; has practiced extensively before other utility regulatory agencies or authorities; has knowledge of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction; has knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding: has knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues in this matter; and has knowledge and compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code.

Lori Reese

NewSouth Communications Corp.

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Affirmed and subscribed before me this 3st day of Tuly 2001.

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