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Re: EDGE CONNECTIONS, INC. Request for Abandonment of Telecommunications Certificate

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Due to changes in its business plan, Edge Connections, Inc. requests authority to abandon its Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, Nos. 7578 and 7579, to provide Resale and Facilities-based Local and Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the state of Florida.

Attached is a Application for Authority to Abandon Certification as a Provider of Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the state of Florida. Please acknowledge receipt of this request by returning, file-stamped, the extra copy of this Application in the self addressed stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Please address any comments or questions regarding this filing to the undersigned attorney at the address, email, or telephone number noted above.

Respectfully yours,

SMITH GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

Charles V. Gerkin, Jr. Attorney for Edge Connections, Inc. DOCUMENT NUMPER-DATE

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In the Matter of

Edge Connections, Inc.

Application for Authority to Abandon Certification as Provider of Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Florida Case No.

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Application for Authority to Abandon Certification as Provider of Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Florida

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Application for Authority)	
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Interexchange Telecommunications)	
Services in the State of Florida)	
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Application is hereby made by <u>Edge Connections, Inc.</u>, to the Florida Public Service Commission for Authority to Abandon Certification as Provider of Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Florida

I. PART A – APPLICANT INFORMATION

The legal name of the Applicant, and the name under which it provides service in the state of Florida, is EDGE CONNECTIONS, INC.. The Applicant has its business address, which is also its registered address, in the state of Georgia as follows:

Edge Connections, Inc. 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 400 Atlanta, Georgia (GA) 30342

Telephone: (404) 459-0468 Facsimile: (404) 459-9417

The Applicant is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the state of Florida pursuant to Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity Nos. 7578 and 7579, as issued by the Florida Public Service Commission.

II. PART B – TYPES OF SERVICE OFFERINGS PROVIDED AND NUMBER OF AFFECTED CUSTOMERS

Edge Connections, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") is currently authorized to provide both resale and facilities-based local and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Florida. The Applicant is currently servicing no customers that would be affected by a cessation of operations and discontinuance of the provision of these services.

III. PART C - DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION EFFORTS

As the Applicant is currently servicing no customers that would be affected by a cessation of operations and discontinuance of the provision of services, no customer notification efforts have been undertaken.

IV. PART D – EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

The Applicant proposes abandonment of certification and discontinuance of operation due to a change in the company's business plan. Recent changes in the financial market have resulted in a lack of capital for many start-up telecommunications companies, and the Applicant is currently experiencing similar circumstances. In an effort to conserve its remaining capital, the Applicant has decided to maintain its operations in the states where it is already serving customers, while terminating efforts to enter the telecommunication market in states, such as Florida, where it currently services no customers.

V. PART E – REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF CERTIFICATE

The Applicant hereby requests that the Florida Public Service Commission enter an order abandoning certification granting the Applicant authority to cease operations and discontinue the provision of all local and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Florida.

VI. PART F – TOLL-FREE CONTACT NUMBER

The Applicant's Customer Service toll-free number is 1-877-977-EDGE.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Edge Connections, Inc. respectfully requests that the Florida Public Service Commission enter an order abandoning the Applicant's certification and granting the Applicant authority to cease operations and discontinue the provision of all local and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Florida.

Respectfully submitted this 2^{-1} day of August, 2001.

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