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Re: Docket No. 011076-TL

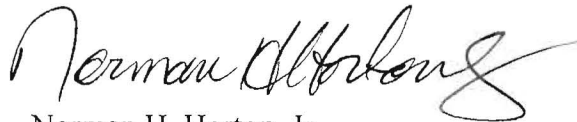
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. are an original and fifteen copies of e.spire Communications, Inc.'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.

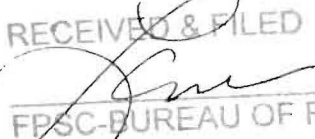
Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Investigation into allegations of)
anti-competitive behaviors and practices)
of Verizon Florida Inc.)
_____)

Docket No. 011076-TL
Filed: November 1, 2001

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

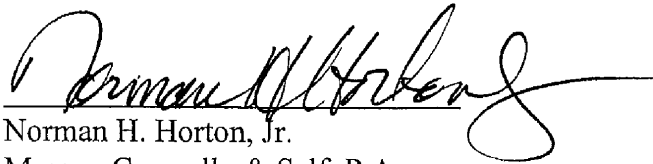
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3. e.spire is a certificated alternative local exchange carrier in Florida and provides service in the State. e.spire has an interconnection agreement with Verizon and decisions with respect to the practices of Verizon which affect the provision or ability to provide competitive services affect the interests of e.spire and 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.", written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 011076-TL has been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U.S. Mail this 1st day of November, 2001.

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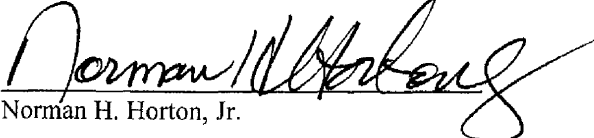
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