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Dear Ms. Bayo:

In 2000, Everest Connections Corporation ("Everest") requested and received a certificate from the Florida Public Service Commission to provide local exchange service as an alternate local exchange carrier.

With the downturn in the availability of venture capital for telecommunications projects, Everest has reevaluated its business plans and is now concentrating its facilities-based build-out efforts on the Kansas City metropolitan area. Everest has no plans to operate in Florida in the foreseeable future. Hence, Everest no longer needs its certificate to operate in the state of Florida. Accordingly, Everest believes that it would be most prudent at this time to request that the Commission cancel the certificate of Everest Connections Corporation to operate in Florida as an alternate local exchange carrier.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please don't hesitate to call me at 816.714.2972.

Regards,

Rachel Lipman Reiber

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Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs

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