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Re: Docket No.: 020960-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company (Covad), enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 15 copies of the following:

- ▶ DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company's Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative, William H. Weber 13747-02
- ▶ DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company's Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative, Charles E. Watkins 13748-02

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy of each and return the stamped copies to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Timothy J. Perry

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Arbitration of open issues
resulting from interconnection negotiations with
Verizon Florida, Inc. by DIECA Communications,
Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company.

Docket No.: 020960-TP
Filed: December 17, 2002

**REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION BY A QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE,
WILLIAM H. WEBER**

DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company (Covad), through its undersigned counsel, submits its Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative, William H. Weber pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, in the above-referenced proceeding, and states as follows:

1. Covad is a certified telecommunications carrier authorized to provide telecommunications services in the state of Florida. Covad is located at 1230 Peachtree Street, N.E., 19th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30309.

2. Any pleading, motion, notice, order or other document required to be served upon the petitioner or filed by any party relative to this Request for Representation should be served upon the following individual:

Vicki Gordon Kaufman
McWhirter Reeves McGlothlin Davidson
Decker Kaufman & Arnold, P.A.
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3. This petition is filed pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code. Rule 28-106.106(2)(a) requires that Covad submit a written request to the presiding officer in the event that Covad elects to be represented before the Commission by a qualified representative.

Covad hereby submits such a request.

4. Covad seeks leave of the presiding officer for the individual identified below to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of Covad for any purpose and in all matters or proceedings conducted before the Commission in connection with Docket No. 020960-TP.

William H. Weber
Covad Communications Co.
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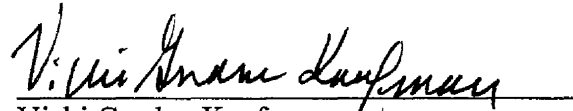
5. Consistent with Rule 28-106.106(2)(b), Covad hereby affirms that it is aware of the services Mr. Weber can provide and, further, that Covad can elect to be represented solely by “counsel,” as that term is defined by Rule 28-106.106(1). Indeed, Covad has elected to be represented in this matter by other attorneys in addition to Mr. Weber.

6. Covad submits that Mr. Weber possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Covad’s interests in this matter. In this regard, Mr. Weber’s qualifications are set forth in the attached affidavit.

7. As reflected in Mr. Weber’s affidavit, attached as “Attachment A,” he: (i) is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Georgia; (ii) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission’s jurisdiction, (iii) has reviewed the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; and (iv) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes related to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding.

8. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.107, Mr. Weber has acquired or will acquire actual knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as his representation of Covad is concerned in the above-referenced proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, Covad requests that Mr. Weber be permitted to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of Covad.



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Attachment A

Affidavit of William H. Weber

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AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM H. WEBER

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

I, William H. Weber, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:

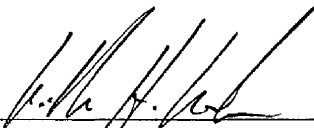
1. I am Vice President of External Affairs for Covad Communications Company located at 1230 Peachtree Street, N.E., 19th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30309.

2. I am a member in good standing of the Georgia Bar and am seeking to be designated as a qualified representative in the above-captioned docket pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code.

3. I have served as regulatory counsel to Covad Communications Company in proceedings before state commissions. Moreover, I have assisted other attorneys in proceedings before other state commissions that have involved the examination and resolution of factual and legal issues similar to those under consideration in the above-captioned docket.

4. I am familiar with the relevant portions of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Florida Administrative Code, and the Florida Rules of Evidence.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct based on my knowledge, information, and belief.




WILLIAM H. WEBER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 13th day of December, 2002 by William H. Weber, who is personally known to me.

Jane P. Bell
Notary Public, State of Georgia, County of Fulton

Commission expires: 3/18/2006

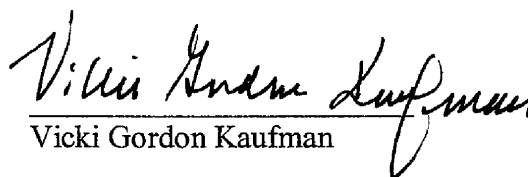


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative, William H. Weber has been provided by (*) hand delivery or U.S. Mail this 17th day of December 2002, to the following:

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