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Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.

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Re:

Application for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange

Services in the State of Florida

Dear Ms. Bayó:

On behalf of McGraw Communications, Inc. ("McGraw"), enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of the above-referenced Application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 made payable to the Florida Public Service Commission for the requisite application fee.

Please note that Exhibit 1, "Financial Qualifications," to the Application contains critical, commercially sensitive, and competitively significant financial information that is not otherwise released to the public. Unrestricted availability of the details of McGraw's financial statements would provide competitors with key knowledge regarding Applicant's financial strategies that would not otherwise be unavailable. Such availability would disclose Applicant's financial status to competitors and could ultimately place Applicant in a significant competitive disadvantage. Confidential treatment of Applicant's financial information is therefore required to avoid commercial and competitive injury. Accordingly, only the original Application contains this confidential financial information in a sealed envelope market "CONFIDENTIAL." - Applicant requests that upon issuance of a Certificate the Commission destroy or return the

— confidential information.

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