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Blanca Bayo
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

DEPOSIT DATE

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing with the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") are an original and seven (7) copies of Essex Acquisition Corporation's ("EAC") Application for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service within the State of Florida ("ALEC Application"). The ALEC Application is specifically comprised of the Commission's Application Form and the following additional Exhibits:

- Exhibit A: Date Stamped Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida**
- Exhibit B: Resumes of the Applicant's Employees/Officers**
- Exhibit C: Year to Date Financial Statements**


Please note, Exhibit C contains certain financial information about EAC that is not publicly available and is highly sensitive given the competitive nature of the telecommunications marketplace. Release of this financial information to the public could provide competitors of EAC with detailed information that could be used to develop strategies that could cause substantial injury to EAC. Accordingly, EAC respectfully requests that the Commission permit disclosure of such information for use only by persons specifically authorized by the Commission for purposes of evaluating the ALEC Application. Based on conversations with Commission staff, it is EAC's understanding that EAC does not need to take any further action beyond this request to secure confidential treatment of this information.

AUS _____
CAF _____ Also enclosed are seven copies of this transmittal letter and a check in the amount of \$250.00 payable to
CMP _____ the Florida Public Service Commission. Please stamp one copy of the ALEC Application and this
COM _____ transmittal letter "received" and return them to my attention using the pre-addressed mailing label also
CTR _____ provided herein.

ECR _____
GCL _____
OPC _____ If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312/674-4657.

MMS _____
SEC _____
OTH _____

Sincerely,



Scott Kellogg

Enclosures

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