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Re: Docket No. 030851-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:


Enclosed for filing on behalf of KMC Telecom III, LLC are an original and fifteen copies of KMC Telecom III, LLC's Request for Confidential Classification for information contained in its Responses and Objections to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents filed 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 yours,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Implementation of requirements arising)	
from Federal Communications Commission)	Docket No. 030851-TP
triennial UNE review: Local Circuit Switching)	
for Mass Market Customers)	Filed: March 19, 2004
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**KMC TELECOM III, LLC'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

KMC Telecom III, LLC (hereinafter "KMC"), pursuant to section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-2.006, Florida Administrative Code, requests confidential classification of certain data previously filed in this docket pursuant to a claim for confidentiality. In support of this request KMC hereby states:

1. On February 18, 2004, KMC filed in the above-captioned proceeding its Responses and Objections to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (1-14) and First Request for Production of Documents (1-8). KMC's Response to Interrogatory 4(a) contained confidential information that is considered proprietary. When KMC filed its Response, it filed the appropriate corresponding Claim for Confidential Treatment, in accordance with Rule 25-22.006(5) and section 364.183(1), Florida Statutes, regarding Response to Interrogatory 4(a).

2. KMC hereby files this Request for Confidential Classification, in accordance with Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code, for its Response to Interrogatory 4(a). The public and redacted copies required by Rule 25-22.006(4) are not being filed at this time as they were filed with the claim filed on February 18, 2004.

3. The information for which confidential classification is requested reveals the number of hot-cuts BellSouth performed on KMC's behalf beginning in 2001 through 2003. The information on the hot cuts performed by BellSouth for KMC reveal the

number of customers who migrated to KMC from BellSouth and date-specific data on the occurrence of these hot cuts. Additionally, this information provides insight into KMC's market share of customers. KMC considers such information to be trade secrets and proprietary, confidential business information which, if disclosed, would be of benefit to competitors and cause harm to KMC and its customers. Such information provides KMC an economic benefit, and is not known or readily ascertainable to other persons. Such information is economically valuable to KMC and its competitors, and KMC treats such information as confidential and maintains many processes and procedures to maintain its secrecy.

4. A trade secret is defined in section 688.002(4), Florida Statutes, the Uniform Secrets Act, to mean:

[I]nformation, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process that:

(a) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not be readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and


(b) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

The information at issue fits plainly in this definition as set forth above. Accordingly, the Commission should grant the request for confidential treatment and find in the information contained in Response to Interrogatory 4(a) to be confidential and exempt from section 119.071(1), pursuant to section 364.183(3)(a) and (e).

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, KMC respectfully requests that, pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, the Commission enter an Order declaring the

information described above to be confidential, proprietary business information that is not subject to public disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,


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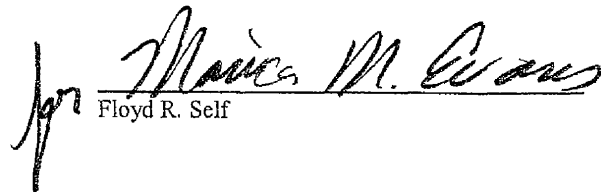
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