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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND
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Beth Salak, Director
Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Gunter Bldg.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
(850) 413-6770

Re: Express Phone Service, Inc.
ETC Designation – Docket No. 080169-TX

Dear Ms. Salak:

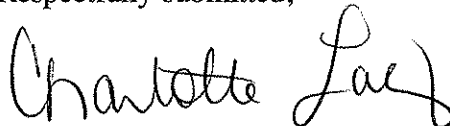
Pursuant to staff request, enclosed please find one original and six (6) copies of Express Phone Service, Inc.'s executed Affidavit for the above-referenced docket.

Also, please note that Express Phone Service, Inc. would like to exclude the request for certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Embarq service territory.

Please return a stamped copy of the extra copy of this letter in the enclosed preaddressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Lacey, Legal Assistant to
Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Express Phone Service, Inc.

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Thomas Armstrong
Bob Casey – via e-mail
Curtis Williams – via e-mail

AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida
County of Escambia

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Thomas M. Armstrong, who deposed and said:

My name is Thomas M. Armstrong, I am employed by Express Phone Service, Inc., located at 1803 W. Fairfield Drive, Penscola, Florida, 32501, as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier petition filed by my Company with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC).

Company hereby certifies the following:

1. Company will follow all Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Rules, and Florida PSC Orders relating to Universal Service, Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, and the Florida Link-Up and Lifeline Program.
2. Company will follow all FCC rules, FCC Orders, and regulations contained in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 regarding Universal Service, ETCs, Link-Up and Lifeline, and toll limitation service.
3. Company agrees that the Florida PSC may revoke a carrier's ETC status for good cause after notice and opportunity for hearing, for violations of any applicable Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Rules, Florida PSC Orders, failure to fulfill requirements of Sections 214 or 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, or if the PSC determines that it is no longer in the public interest for the company to retain ETC status.
4. Company understands that if its petition for ETC status is approved, it will be for limited ETC status to provide Link-Up, Lifeline, and toll-limitation service only, and the Company will be eligible only to receive low-income support from the Universal Service Fund.
5. Company understands that it may only receive reimbursement from the Universal Service Administrative company (USAC) for active customer Link-Up and Lifeline access lines which are provided using its own facilities or using access lines obtained as wholesale local platform lines (formerly UNE lines) from another carrier. The Company shall not apply to USAC for reimbursement of Link-Up and Lifeline access lines obtained from an underlying carrier which already receive a Lifeline and/or Link-Up credit provided by the underlying carrier.
6. Company understands that the PSC shall have access to all books of account, records and property of all eligible telecommunications carriers.
7. Company understands that low income support reimbursed by USAC for toll limitation service is available only for the incremental costs that are associated exclusively with toll limitation service.

- 8. Company agrees that upon request, it will submit to the PSC a copy of Form 497 forms filed with USAC to:
Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Regulatory Compliance, Market Practices Section
2540 Shumard Oak Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

- 9. Company understands that in accordance with the Florida Lifeline program, eligible customers will receive a \$13.50 monthly discount on their phone bill, \$3.50 of which is provided by the ETC, and \$10.00 of which is reimbursable from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

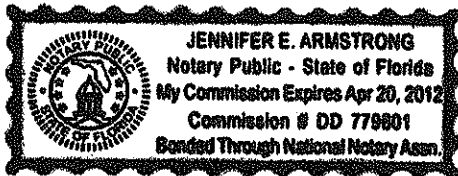
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Thomas M. Armstrong, President 7/10/08
Signature Date
Thomas M. Armstrong, President
Printed Name

Business Address:
1803 W. Fairfield Drive
Pensacola, FL 32501

State of Florida
County of Escambia

Acknowledged before me this 7th day of July, 2008, by Thomas M. Armstrong, as President of Company, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



Jennifer E. Armstrong
NOTARY PUBLIC

Jennifer E. Armstrong
Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known ✓
Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____