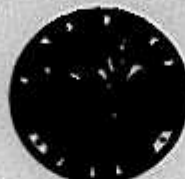


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February 27, 1997

Kenneth F. Melley, Jr.
U.S. Long Distance, Inc.
9311 San Pedro, Suite 300
San Antonio, Texas 78216

RE: Docket No. 970253-TX

Dear Mr. Melley:

This will acknowledge receipt of an application for certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service by U.S. Long Distance, Inc., which was filed in this office on February 26, 1997 and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (904) 413-6078 or FAX (904) 413-6079.

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February 25, 1997

Walter D'Haeseleer
Director, Division of Telecommunications
Florida Public Service Commission
2450 Shumard Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0866

970253-TX

Re: Application for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service

Dear Mr. D'Haeseleer:

Enclosed herein please find an original and six (6) copies of the Application for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service Within the State of Florida filed on behalf of U.S. Long Distance, Inc. ("USLD"). This filing is made in compliance with Chapter 364.377 F.S. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 made payable to the Florida Public Service Commission

USLD is an authorized provider of interexchange telecommunications in the state of Florida see Docket No. 9000056-TI, Order No. 22960, Certificate No. 2469 dated May 21, 1990. By this instant Application, USLD seeks to extend its authority to provide local telecommunications services in addition to those services it currently provides. USLD has entered into an agreement for resale of local exchange services with Bell South Communications as of January 1, 1997.

For verification of your receipt, please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the postage paid envelope provided. Please contact the undersigned

Sincerely,

Kenneth F. Melley, Jr.
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

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