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Re: Docket Nos. 980253-TX

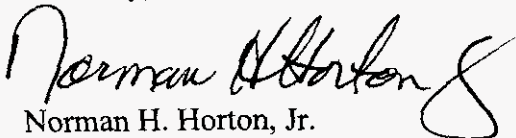
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire™ Communications, Inc. are an original and fifteen copies of their Preliminary Comments 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,


Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to Initiate Rulemaking)
pursuant to Section 120.54(5), Florida)
Statutes, to Incorporate "Fresh Look")
Requirements to all Incumbent Local)
Exchange Company (ILEC) Contracts.)
_____)

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PRELIMINARY COMMENTS OF e.spire™ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

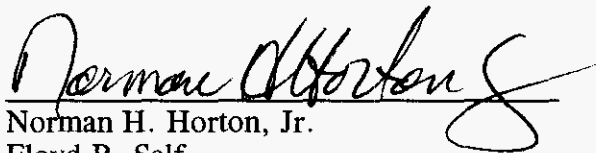
Pursuant to the request by Staff during the rule development workshop American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire™ Communications, Inc. ("e.spire"), submits the following comments.

1. e.spire supports the development of a fresh look rule as that would promote competition in the local market. e.spire would favor the adoption of such a rule and encourage the adoption of a fresh look rule by the Commission.

2. Of the proposals before the Commission e.spire would favor that submitted by the Florida Competitive Carriers Association.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of May, 1998.

Respectfully submitted



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Preliminary Comments of e.spire™ Communications, Inc. in Docket No. 980253-TX have been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 18th day of May, 1998.

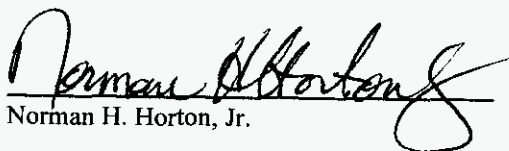
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