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Re: Docket Nos. 980946-TL, 980947-TL, 980948-TL, 981011-TL 981012-TL, and
981250-TL

Dear Beth:

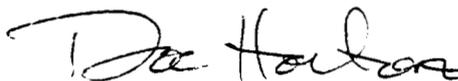
On behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. this is to support and concur with the comments filed on behalf of WorldCom Technologies, Inc. and Intermedia Communications, Inc. as to the wording of Issue 2 in this docket. It is important that the Commission address not just the narrow focus suggested by BellSouth, but alternative physical collocation arrangements as well.

During the initial issue identification conference there were several proposed issues which were reworded. At that meeting the issue in question was modified to include the phrase "and/or other collocation arrangements" and BellSouth then added the word "physical" which was accepted by all present. To now change the wording unnecessarily and inappropriately restricts the issue and limits the Commission in its consideration of the waivers and the parties in their presentations.

e.spire urges that the issue include the phrase "and/or other physical collocation arrangements" and is prepared to present further comments to the Prehearing Office, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc: Parties of Record

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