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Re: Docket No. 981008-TP

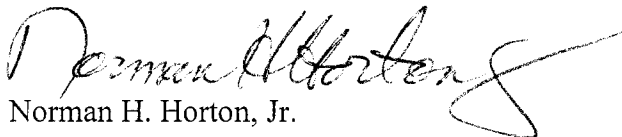
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. is an original and fifteen copies of their Motion for Extension of Time 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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cc: James C. Falvey, Esq.
Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for arbitration concerning)
 complaint of American Communication)
 Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a)
 e.spire Communications, Inc. and ACSI)
 Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire)
 Communications, Inc. against BellSouth)
 Telecommunications, Inc. regarding)
 reciprocal compensation for traffic)
 terminated to Internet service providers.)
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DOCKET NO. 981008-TP
 FILED: May 3, 1999

**e.spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
 MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

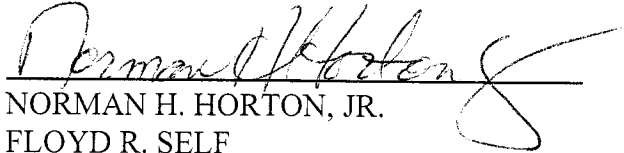
COMES NOW, American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. (collectively "e.spire" or the "Company") through undersigned counsel and files this Motion for Extension of Time and states as follows:

1. On April 21, 1999 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-99-0658-FOF-TP seeking reconsideration of portions of that order. The response by e.spire is due May 2nd.

2. e.spire, with the concurrence of BellSouth, requests that the response date be extended to May 9th. The Motion has generated questions between the parties and the additional time will allow the parties to discuss these questions. The additional time will not adversely affect the schedule for this case.

WHEREFORE, e.spire requests that the date for response be extended to May 9, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman H. Horton, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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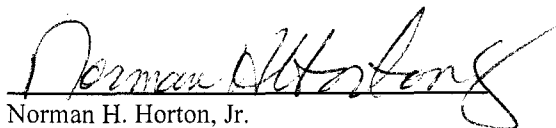
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time have been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 3rd day of May, 1999.

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