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November 30, 1999

Via Federal Express and Facsimile

Mr. Richard Tudor
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Capital Circle Office Center
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Re: Docket No. 991222-TP

Dear Mr. Tudor:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the two questions of your letter dated November 30, 1999.

1. Item B-17, page 62 of Hamilton proposal. The last sentence before "Premise # 1" should read as follows:


A copy of the confidentiality policy is available to relay users at no cost.

2. Item C-6, pages 135 and 139 of Hamilton's proposal. We made contact with our bonding company to determine if the specific language was necessary or placed there for some specific reason. The bonding company advised us that it was simply a standard preprinted form which they use for that purpose. With that in mind and to eliminate any questions, we are sending you a different bid form which does not contain that language. Attached is a copy of the bid bond without that particular language in it. The bonding company made it clear to us that they have reviewed the RFP and intend the bid bond to be consistent with that so if there is another suggested form that differs from either of these that is preferred, let us know.

The original of the bid bond with the revised form along with the original of this letter will be delivered to your offices via Federal Express on Thursday. If any further questions or clarification is needed, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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BID BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Hamilton Telephone Company dba Hamilton Telecommunications

of 1001 12th St., Aurora, Ne. 68818 (hereinafter called the Principal),

as Principal, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

(hereinafter called the Surety), as Surety are held and firmly bound unto Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

(hereinafter called the Obligee) in the penal sum of Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 -----

----- Dollars (\$ 500,000.00)

for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted or is about to submit a proposal to the Obligee on a contract for Telecommunications Relay Service System in Florida

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Contract be ~~not~~ awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall, within such time as may be specified, enter into the Contract in writing, and give bond, if bond is required, with surety acceptable to the Obligee for the faithful performance of the said Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of November, 1999.

Debbie Van Luchese
Witness

Hamilton Telephone Company dba Hamilton Telecommunications (Seal)
Principal
Ray Williams E.R.P.
Title

Marilyn J. Cannon
Witness

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
By *Stephanie Watts*
Stephanie Watts Attorney-in-Fact

John R. Neu
John R. Neu, Florida Resident Agent

Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.

Power of Attorney No. 20782

Certificate No. 10000

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Seaboard Surety Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, and that St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and that United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (*herein collectively called the "Companies"*), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint

Douglas G. Durbin, Harry D. Koch, Peggy Sapienza, David G. Jesse, Stephanie Watts, Patricia A. Jensen, Sharon K. Murray and Kendra Sorensen

of the City of Omaha, State Nebraska, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed this 21st day of July, 1999

Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.



Michael B. Keegan

MICHAEL B. KEEGAN, Vice President

Michael R. McKibben

MICHAEL R. MCKIBBEN, Assistant Secretary

State of Maryland
City of Baltimore

On this 21st day of July, 1999, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Michael B. Keegan and Michael R. McKibben, who acknowledged themselves to be the Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, and Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and that they, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the names of the corporations by themselves as duly authorized officers.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 13th day of July, 2002.



Rebecca Easley-Onokala

REBECCA EASLEY-ONOKALA, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, and Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. on September 2, 1998, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that in connection with the fidelity and surety insurance business of the Company, all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other instruments relating to said business may be signed, executed, and acknowledged by persons or entities appointed as Attorney(s)-in-Fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney issued in accordance with these resolutions. Said Power(s) of Attorney for and on behalf of the Company may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company, either by the Chairman, or the President, or any Vice President, or an Assistant Vice President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations. The signature of such officers may be engraved, printed or lithographed. The signature of each of the foregoing officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Attorney(s)-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and subject to any limitations set forth therein. any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company, and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is validly attached; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have the power and authority, and, in any case, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company and to attach the seal of the Company to any and all bonds and undertakings, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by such Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed by an Executive Officer and sealed and attested to by the Secretary of the Company.

I, Michael R. McKibben, Assistant Secretary of Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, and Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 10th day of November, 1999.



Michael R. McKibben

Michael R. McKibben, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, call 1-800-421-3880 and ask for the Power of Attorney clerk. Please refer to the Power of Attorney number, the above-named individuals and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.

THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS