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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Application of ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service in Florida

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. ("ConnectSouth") please find an original and five (5) copies of ConnectSouth's application for authority to provide alternative local exchange service in Florida. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the application filing fee.

Please note that ConnectSouth is requesting confidential treatment of its financial statements which are attached as Exhibit 1 to its certification application. Pursuant to Section 364.183(1) of the Florida Rules of Practice and Procedure, ConnectSouth is filing one original copy of its financial information and two (2) redacted copies. The financial information included in Exhibit 1 to ConnectSouth's application, contains proprietary, commercially sensitive information that, if disseminated, could be used to the Applicant's detriment by competitors. Applicant therefore respectfully seeks to have this information protected as it constitutes sensitive and proprietary data.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Paul W. Garnett at (202) 945-6925. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

Andrew D. Lipman
Paul W. Garnett

Counsel for ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.

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Profit & Loss
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