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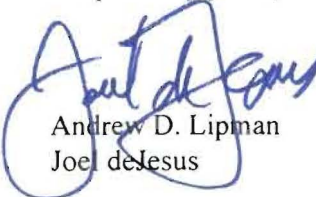
Re: Docket No. 000284-TX: Application of ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service in Florida

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. ("ConnectSouth") enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of ConnectSouth's Florida Secretary of State authorization to supplement its application for authority to provide alternative local exchange service. The application, as filed on March 6, 2000, indicated that ConnectSouth was in the process of registering as a foreign corporation with the Florida Secretary of State. That registration process is now complete, and ConnectSouth is pleased to provide the Commission with a copy of its Florida Secretary of State authorization.

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 Joel deJesus at (202) 424-7565. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


Andrew D. Lipman
Joel deJesus

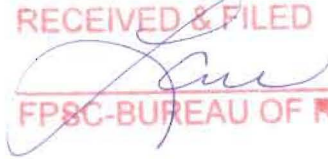
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Enclosures

cc: Walker D'Haeseleer, Director Communications Division
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

February 25, 2000

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

Qualification documents for CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF FLORIDA, INC. were filed on February 25, 2000 and assigned document number F00000001041. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office.

Your corporation is now qualified and authorized to transact business in Florida as of the file date.

A corporation annual report/uniform business report will be due this office between January 1 and May 1 of the year following the calendar year of the file date. A Federal Employer Identification (FEI) number will be required before this report can be filed. If you do not already have an FEI number, please apply NOW with the Internal Revenue by calling 1-800-829-3676 and requesting form SS-4.

Please be aware if the corporate address changes, it is the responsibility of the corporation to notify this office.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone (850) 487-6091, the Foreign Qualification/Tax Lien Section.

Buck Kohr
Corporate Specialist
Division of Corporations

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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)

2. Delaware 3. _____
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. Jan. 28, 2000 5. perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 1/28/00
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759
(Current mailing address)
Telecommunication Services.

8. _____
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: Corporation Service Company

Office Address: 1201 Hays Street

Tallahassee, Florida, 32301
(Zip code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Corporation Service Company
By: Michael J. P. V.P.
(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address **ONLY** - P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

A. DIRECTORS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Chairman: Jeff Mucci

Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759

Vice Chairman: Chris Hugman

Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

President: Jeff Mucci

Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759

Vice President: Chris Hugman

Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759

Secretary: Chris Hugman

Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759

Treasurer: Chris Hugman

Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East, Austin, Texas 78759

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. _____

(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Vice President

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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Office of the Secretary of State

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE OPERATIONS

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF FLORIDA, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2000.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF FLORIDA, INC." WAS INCORPORATED ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2000.



Edward J. Freel

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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