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Re: 990649-TP; Petition to Intervene of Z-Tel Commissions, Inc.

To the Commission:

Enclosed for filing in Docket 990649, please find an original and six copies of the Petition to Intervene of Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Please date-stamp the extra copy, and return it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me on (202) 887-1209.

Best regards,

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**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Investigation into Pricing of) 990649-TP
Unbundled Network Elements)

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel"), pursuant to Rule 28-106.205, Florida

Administrative Code, files this Petition to Intervene and as grounds therefor states:

1. Z-Tel is an alternative local exchange carrier with a principal place of business at 601 South Harbour Island Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33602. Z-Tel offers integrated local, long distance, and enhanced services packages to residential consumers in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and Z-Tel plans to offer a similar bundle of services to residential consumers in Florida.

2. In providing the local exchange component of its service offering, Z-Tel relies on unbundled network elements ("UNEs") purchased from incumbent local exchange carriers, such as BellSouth, GTE, and Sprint. Because of its reliance on incumbent UNEs, rates set by the Commission in this proceeding will directly and substantially affect Z-Tel's cost of providing service to residential consumers in Florida. Therefore, Z-Tel has an important interest in this proceeding.

3. Should the Commission grant this request, the following individuals should be added to this proceeding's service list:

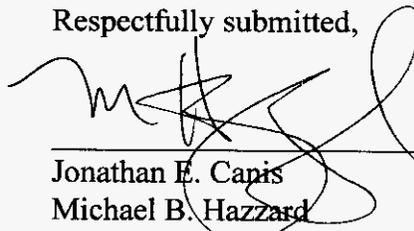
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4. Z-Tel seeks no change to the procedural schedule adopted by the Commission in this proceeding, and Z-Tel agrees to be bound by the record developed in this case to date. As such, no party will be prejudiced by grant of this late-filed petition.

WHEREFORE, Z-Tel requests that its Petition to Intervene be granted and that it be accorded full party status in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: May 3, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Z-Tel Communications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene has been furnished by U. S. Mail this 3rd day of May 2000 to the following:

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