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Re: Docket No. 990649-TP
Rhythms' Qualified Representative Request
for Gary Cohen

Dear Ms. Bayó:

This is the request of Rhythms Links Inc. ("Rhythms") pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, for authorization for the following person to appear as a Qualified Representative for Rhythms in Docket No. 990649-TP:

Gary Cohen
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As shown by the attached affidavit, Mr. Cohen is a licensed attorney in good standing in New York and the District of Columbia and meets the qualifications set out in Rule 28-106.106(4), Florida Administrative Code. He is thus able to represent Rhythms' interests in a manner that will not impair the fairness of this proceeding or the correctness of the action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

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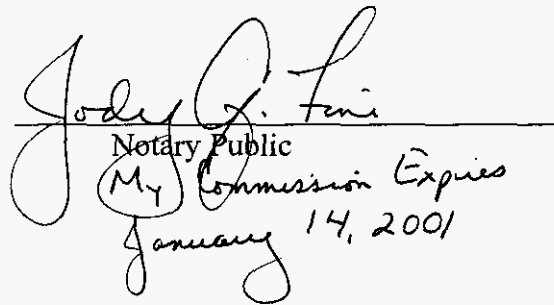
1. He is associated with the law firm of Blumenfeld & Cohen which represents Rhythms Links Inc. (Rhythms) on regulatory matters throughout the country.
2. He possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Rhythms' interests in Docket No. 990649-TP.
3. He is an attorney admitted to practice, and in good standing, in the states of New York (Bar No. n/a) and the District of Columbia (Bar No. 384983); has practiced extensively before other utility regulatory agencies; has knowledge of the Florida Statutes relative to the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission); has knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative proceedings; has knowledge of the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has knowledge of the factual and legal issues in Docket No. 990649-TP; and has knowledge of, and will comply with, the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code.



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of May, 2000, by who () is personally known to me OR (X) produced Virginia Drivers License No. 090-34-1175 as identification.



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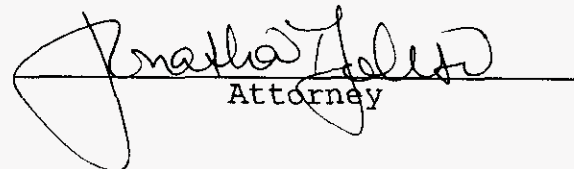
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