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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 000370-TX

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the subject docket is Progress Telecommunications Corporation's Request for Confidential Classification.

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John R. Marks, III
Attorney for Progress Telecommunications Corporation

This confidentiality request was filed by or for a "telco" for DNO6038-00. No ruling is required unless the material is subject to a request per 119.07, FS, or is admitted in the record per Rule 25-22.006(8)(b), FAC.

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In re: Application for Certificate to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Carrier Telecommunications Service by Progress Telecommunications Corporation.

Docket No. 000370-TX

Submitted for filing: June 7, 2000

PROGRESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Progress Telecommunications Corporation ("PTC"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., requests confidential classification of the highlighted information submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") with PTC's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification filed in this docket on May 16, 2000. In support of its request, PTC states:

Background

1. On March 28, 2000, PTC filed with the Commission an application for certification as an alternative local exchange carrier petition ("ALEC").
2. The application requested a copy of PTC's balance in order to determine the financial capability of PTC to become certificated as an ALEC. PTC did not include its balance in the application due to its confidential nature.
3. PTC subsequently filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification which contained Attachment 18.A.1 consisting of a table entitled "Progress Telecommunications Corp. Balance Sheet As of December 31, 1999" in which financial information of a confidential nature to PTC was redacted, along with one copy in a separate, sealed envelop in which the confidential portions were shaded. This request provides the justification for confidential classification of the information in that table.

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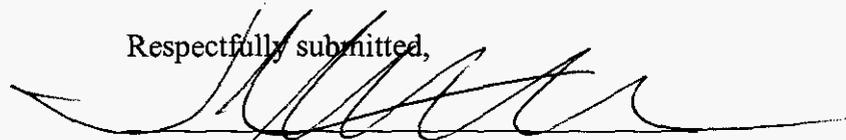
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Justification for Confidential Classification

3. PTC considers its balance sheet to be confidential financial information. As a wholly-owned subsidiary of Progress Capital Holdings, a subsidiary of Florida Progress Corporation, PTC's balance and financial records are not otherwise made publicly available. PTC does not share such information with its competitors. Disclosure of the financial information contained in Attachment 18.A.1 would subject PTC to unnecessary competitor scrutiny.

WHEREFORE, Progress Telecommunications Corporation requests that the highlighted information in Attachment 18.A.1 C of its Application for Certification as an Alternative Local Exchange Carrier be classified confidential.

Respectfully submitted,



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