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Dear Ms. Bayó:

Please find attached an affidavit, executed in accordance with Rule 28-106.106(b) of the Florida Administrative Code, with respect to my request for permission to appear as representative for a party in proceedings before the Commission.

Please contact me if you need any further information or have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Walter Steimel, Jr



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## AFFIDAVIT

Undersigned counsel, being first duly sworn, states that:

Undersigned counsel is currently a shareholder in the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, at the address and telephone number listed below.

Undersigned counsel possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent the interests of Pilgrim Telephone, Inc., in Docket Nos. 001436-TP and 001745-TP.

Undersigned counsel is an attorney admitted to practice, and a member in good standing in the State of Texas, Bar No. 19127500; and District of Columbia, Bar No. 446262 has practiced extensively before utility regulatory agencies or authorities; has knowledge of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction; has knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; has knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has acquired knowledge of the factual and legal issues in the referenced dockets; and has knowledge of and is in compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code.

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Affirmed and subscribed before me this and day of March, 2001.

DAWN J. CLARK NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA My Commission Expires: 5131 2001