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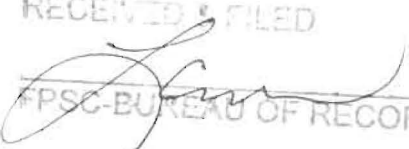
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf e.spire Communications, Inc. are the following documents to be filed in the above referenced docket:

1. An original and fifteen copies of e.spire's Motion to Accept Late-Filed Prehearing Statement;
2. An original and fifteen copies of e.spire's Prehearing Statement; and
3. A 3 1/2" diskette with the Prehearing Statement on it in WordPerfect 9.0 format.

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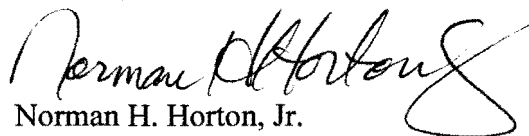
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Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,


Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into the Establishment of)
Operations Support Systems Permanent)
Performance Measures for Incumbent Local)
Exchange Telecommunications Companies)
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Docket No. 000121-TP
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MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE FILED PREHEARING STATEMENT

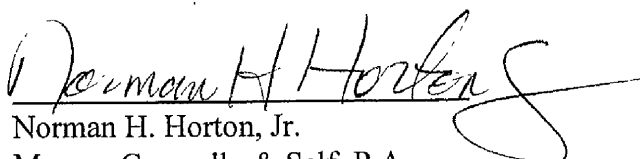
American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. ("e.spire"), through its undersigned counsel, herewith submits its Prehearing Statement and this Motion and as basis states:

1. e.spire has participated in this proceeding primarily in conjunction with other ALECs supporting adoption of service quality measures. The positions of e.spire and others were included in the ALEC Coalition Prehearing Statement. The witness sponsored by e.spire was also listed in the Coalition Prehearing Statement. While the submission by the Coalition is sufficient compliance by e.spire with the Procedural Order, this separate statement is presented by e.spire to insure that e.spire is accounted for as a party in the final Prehearing Order.

2. Given the circumstances, no party would be affected by accepting the attached separate Prehearing Statement 1 day late.

WHEREFORE, e.spire requests that the Commission accept the separate Prehearing Statement of e.spire Communications, Inc.

Respectfully submitted



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Motion to Accept Late-Filed Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 000121-TP has been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U.S. Mail this 2nd day of April, 2001.

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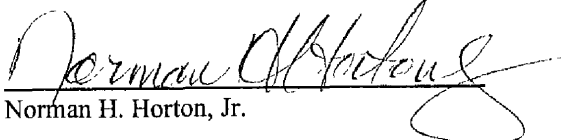
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