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Re: Docket No. 960786-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. are an original and fifteen copies of e.spire's Posthearing Statement in the above-referenced docket . Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it in WordPerfect 9.0 format.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

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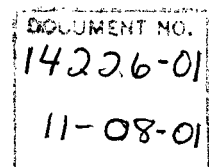
Sincerely,



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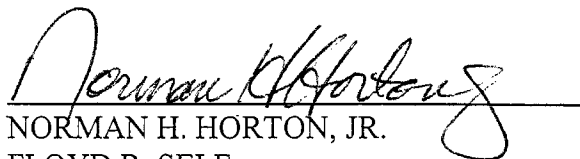
**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Consideration of BellSouth	)	
Telecommunications, Inc. entry into	)	Docket No. 960786-TL
interLATA services pursuant to	)	Dated: November 8, 2001
Section 271 of the Federal	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	
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**POSTHEARING STATEMENT OF e.spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

COMES NOW, American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. (collectively "e.spire" or the "Company"), and submits this Posthearing Statement in the captioned docket and for its Statement concurs with the positions contained in the Post-Hearing Statement of Issues and Positions and Post-Hearing Brief of the Joint ALECs.

Respectfully submitted,



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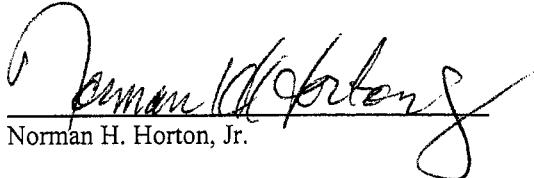
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