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RE: Response to Docket 011525 – Sandhills Telecommunications Group Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

We are providing this response to Docket 011525, Compliance investigation of Sandhills Telecommunications Group, Inc. for apparent violation of Section 364.183(1), F.S., Access to Company Records. This Docket was assigned as a failure to respond to the ALEC 2001 Data Request document that was sent to our office this past July. Being our first year under Certification, we truly believed that the June 2001 Florida CLEC Information Request, which was submitted in July 2001, satisfied this requirement, and did not understand that these were separate requests.

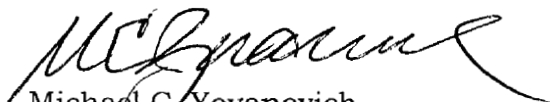
We regret our non-response of this requirement, and have taken internal measures to perform more complete analyses of PSC documents. These measures include a dual personnel review process for the documents, and final assignments of PSC tasks through my office.

It is our position to comply and support the Commission, and understand the serious nature of this violation. We have noted that approximately 130 other ALEC's have also failed to comply with this request, therefore, we recommend that the Commission review the process for requesting this data from the carriers. We are sure the goal is to gather complete and accurate information, rather than impose fines and penalties on the companies.

In order to resolve this matter, a penalty of \$3,500 could be acceptable to our company if it could be made payable in 3 equal installments over a 90 day period. Any consideration in this matter would be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael C. Yovanovich
President

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