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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: Docket No. 010963-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Northeast's Petition to Intervene.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Jeffry Wahlen
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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into Telecommunications Rate Center Consolidation in the State of Florida DOCKET NO. 010963-TP FILED: 05/06/02

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Northeast Florida Telephone Company ("NEFTC"), pursuant to Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests leave to intervene in this proceeding, and as grounds therefor states:

- 1. NEFTC is a telecommunications company lawfully doing business in the State of Florida whose regulated operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.
- 2. NEFTC's principal place of business in Florida is Macclenny, Florida. Pleadings, orders, notices and other papers filed or served in this matter should be served upon:

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3. NEFTC is a small incumbent local exchange company that provides local exchange service via multiple rate centers. Whether and/or the extent to which rate centers should be consolidated will affect the substantial interests of NEFTC and its business operations in the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, NEFTC respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 6^{th} day of May, 2002.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by e-mail transmission, U. S. Mail, or hand delivery (*) this 6^{th} day of May, 2002, to the following:

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