

EXPRESS PHONE SERVICE, INC.



July 16, 2002

Florida Public Service Commission
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



RE: REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR YEAR 2002 LOCAL COMPETITION REPORT DATA REQUEST

Pursuant to Florida Public Service Commission Rule 25-22.003, Florida Administrative Code, and in response to the Year 2002 Local Competition Report Data Request from the Office of Market Monitoring & Strategic Analysis dated July 3, 2002, Express Phone Service, Inc. hereby requests that information contained in our response be classified as confidential information and thereby exempt from being subject to inspection and examination pursuant to Section 119.07(1), F.S..

Page number and line-by-line identifications provide the justification for the confidential classification below.

Page 2, lines 36-44 inclusive – Disclosure of the number of residential access lines by exchange would allow competitors access to information that can be used to determine our strength in areas of competition based on market penetration.

Page 2, lines 49-56 inclusive – Disclosure of the number of business access lines by exchange would allow competitors access to information that can be used to determine our strength in areas of competition based on market penetration.

Page 3, line 1 – Disclosure of the number of residential access lines by exchange would allow competitors access to information that can be used to determine our strength in areas of competition based on market penetration.

Page 3, lines 33-41 inclusive – Disclosure of the number of voice grade equivalent lines by exchange would allow competitors access to information that can be used to determine our strength areas of competition based on market penetration.

Page 4, lines 8-34 inclusive – Disclosure of the number of access lines by exchange would allow competitors access to information that can be used to determine our strength areas of competition based on market penetration.

Page 5, lines 8-11 inclusive – Disclosure of long-term (5 years) business strategy would allow competitors to know access to information that has been researched and developed by Express Phone Service, Inc. at great expense in time and money. This information would allow competitors to know what Express Phone Service, Inc. is planning for it's future in the way of expansion and growth as affected by provisioning methods.

Page 6, lines 26-27 inclusive – Disclosure of total revenue from local service, residential and business, would allow information concerning the financial strength of Express Phone Service, Inc. to be used by competitors

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to assess their position in direct and possible competition.

The information listed above is treated by Express Phone Service, Inc. as information that has the highest privacy within our company and is safeguarded at all times and at great expense. Express Phone Service, Inc has not disclosed this information to any individual, organization or other entity.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Armstrong

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President