

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Joint Application of )  
Yipes Enterprise Services, Inc. and )  
Yipes Transmission, Inc. )  
For Grant of the Authority )  
Necessary for the Transfer and Sale )  
Of Assets )

Docket No. 02/246-TX

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Yipes Enterprise Services, Inc. (“New Yipes”) and Yipes Transmission, Inc. (“Old Yipes”) (together “Applicants”), through their undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 25-22.006 of the Florida Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Procedure hereby request confidential treatment of the attached financial information which is submitted under seal in the above captioned matter. Concurrently with this filing, Applicants have filed a letter Application with the Commission (“Application”) seeking authority pursuant to Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, to complete a transaction whereby New Yipes would acquire the assets of Old Yipes, including the regulatory authority held by Old Yipes in Florida.

In connection with that Application, Applicants have provided (in Exhibit C to the Application) certain proprietary financial information in order to demonstrate that New Yipes has the financial resources necessary to acquire the assets of Old Yipes and provide service in Florida. Applicants respectfully submit with respect to that information the following:

- (1) The information provided is commercially sensitive, non-public information which is internally generated and not available to Applicants’ competitors;
- (2) The information contains critical financial information, the disclosure of which could place New Yipes at a significant competitive disadvantage if it is made available to Applicants’ competitors;

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- (3) Because New Yipes is a privately held company, the information could not easily be replicated or obtained by a third party without Applicants' assistance; and,
- (4) Due to the sensitive nature of the information, the potential harm from disclosure of the information outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of the information.

For these reasons, Applicants have redacted the financial information contained in Exhibit C to the Application, marked the information "Confidential" and submitted the information, under seal, in an exhibit to this Request. Applicants respectfully request that the Commission treat the attached information as a proprietary trade secret and accord it confidential treatment in the manner set forth in Section 25-22.006 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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**EXHIBIT**

**(Submitted Under Seal)**