

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into pricing of)
unbundled network elements)
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Docket No. 990649B-TP
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JOINT REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT OF
FLORIDA DIGITAL NETWORK, INC. AND
KMC TELECOM III, LLC

Florida Digital Network, Inc. ("FDN") and KMC Telecom III, LLC ("KMC"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code and Order No. PSC-03-0058-FOF-TP, issued January 8, 2003 ("Sprint UNE Order"), hereby request oral argument on their Joint Motion for Reconsideration ("Motion") being filed contemporaneously with this Joint Request. FDN and KMC believe that oral argument would assist the Commission in comprehending and evaluating the issues raised by their Motion.

The lack of local competition presently experienced by Sprint under the currently effective rates, terms, and conditions was reflected in this proceeding by the very few number of parties that have intervened and participated for the Sprint phase. However, notwithstanding the intervention and participation of FDN and KMC in this case, these parties' level of involvement has been limited due to the extreme difficulties ALECs face in competing against Sprint, an incumbent LEC that operates predominantly in second and third tier markets in Florida. The involvement of FDN and KMC through oral argument in the consideration of their Motion will enable the Commission to fully understand and explore the competitive issues and consequences of the Sprint UNE Order. Without proper consideration of the issues raised by the Motion, which can only be fairly

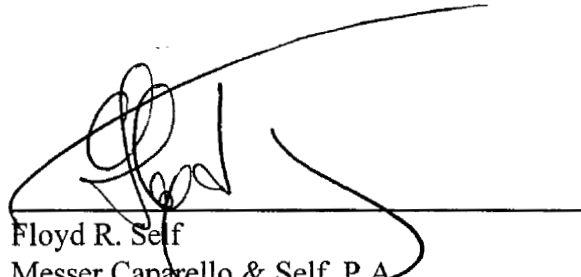
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accomplished through participation in an oral argument before the Commission, the Commission's attempt to foster competition in the Sprint area will fail.

Respectfully submitted,

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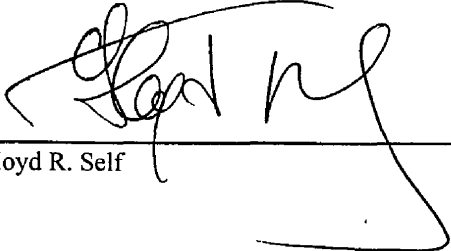
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