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Re: Docket No. 070699-TP

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed please find Embarq Florida, Inc.'s Response in Opposition to Intrado Communications Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument in the above referenced docket matter.

Copies are being served on the parties in this docket pursuant to the attached certificate of service.

If you have any questions regarding this electronic filing, please do not hesitate to call me at (850) 599-1560.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Intrado Communications, Inc. for arbitration of certain rates, terms, and conditions for interconnection and related arrangements with Embarq Florida, Inc., pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 364.162, F.S.	DOCKET NO. 070699-TP Filed: December 26, 2008

EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC.'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO INTRADO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Embarq Florida, Inc. ("Embarq"), in accordance with Rule 25-22.022, F.A.C., hereby files its Response in Opposition to the Request for Oral Argument ("Request") on the Motion for Reconsideration ("Motion") filed by Intrado Communications, Inc. ("Intrado") on December 18, 2008.

Intrado requests oral argument apparently on the basis that the Commission has not yet heard oral argument on the "threshold issue" raised in the proceeding (Request at page 1) and that the written pleadings are an insufficient basis for the Commission to render its decision (Request at page 2). Embarq believes that the record developed through the hearing and the post-hearing Briefs subsequently filed by the parties provided a more than sufficient basis for the Commission's Order. The services that Intrado intends to provide in Florida were the subject of much testimony and discussion at the hearing and in the parties' post-hearing briefs. It is incredulous that Intrado now claims that the Commission failed to understand or consider the nature of Intrado's service offerings and that oral argument is necessary for the Commission to do so.

In addition, at the hearing, the parties were afforded ample opportunity to present their positions to the Commission, through opening presentations, witness summaries and through cross-examination. To the extent counsel for either party believed that additional argument was necessary to fully present its case, such argument could have been requested at the pre-hearing conference or even during the hearing itself. Intrado made no such request at these procedurally appropriate times.

In accordance with Rule 25-22.0022, F.A.C., oral argument is solely within the Commission's discretion and should be granted only when oral argument "will aid the Commissioners in understanding and evaluating the issues to be decided." The Commission fully considered the issues raised in Intrado's Motion on the basis of the comprehensive record developed in the proceeding. The Motion and Embarq's Response in Opposition to the Motion provide a sufficient basis for the Commission to rule on the Motion and oral argument will add nothing to assist the Commission in making this ruling.

Wherefore, the Commission should deny Intrado's Request for Oral Argument and should deny Intrado's Motion, for the reasons set forth in Embarq's Response.[1]

[1] However, should the Commission decide to grant Intrado's Request, Embarq requests that it be allowed to argue in response.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of December 2008.

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