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Re: Docket No. 981745-TP 9816-12

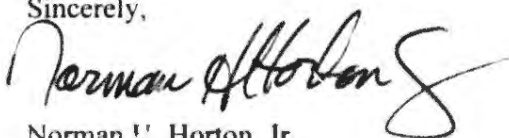
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of e.spire Communications, Inc. is an original and one copy of the Notice of Service of e.spire Communications, Inc.'s Responses to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents in the above captioned docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



Norman M. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

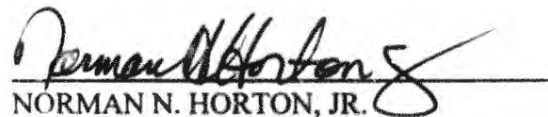
In re: Petition by e.spire Communications, Inc. )  
and American Communication Services of )  
Tampa, Inc. and American Communication )  
Services of Jacksonville, Inc. for Arbitration )  
of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth )  
Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to Section )  
252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

Docket No. 981745-TP  
Filed: February 10, 1999

**e.spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
e.spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S RESPONSES TO  
BELLSOUTH'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES  
AND FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS  
TO e.spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

e.spire Communications, Inc. by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files and serves Notice that it has served its Response to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents by hand delivery on Nancy White, Esq. c/o Ms. Nancy Sims, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., 150 S. Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32301, on this 10th day of February, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

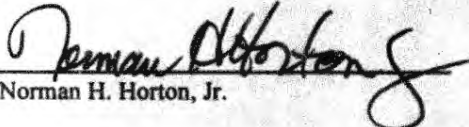
I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the e.s.pire Communications, Inc.'s Notice of Service of e.s.pire Communications, Inc.'s Responses to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents in Docket No. 981745-TP have been served upon the following parties by Hand Delivery (\*) and/or U. S. Mail this 10th day of February, 1999.

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