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Re: Application of Empire Telecom Services, Inc. ("Empire") for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service ("Application")

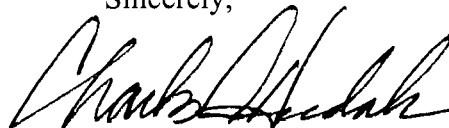
Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and three (3) copies of the financial statements of Empire's parent, Empire Technology Corporation ("Financial Statements"), which are being filed in connection with the Application. Three (3) copies of the Financial Statements are redacted and "CONFIDENTIAL" is prominently displayed on each page thereof. Pursuant to Florida Statute 364.183(1) and Section 25-22.0065(5)(a) of the Florida Public Service Commission's rules, Empire requests confidential treatment of the Financial Statements.

Please file the Financial Statements in your usual fashion and return one (1) file-stamped copy of the document to us in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions or comments, please call the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Hudak

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cc: Empire Telecom Services, Inc.
(with enclosure)

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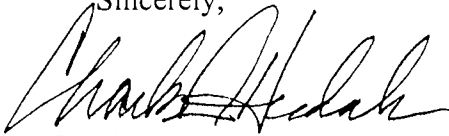
Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and seven (7) copies of the Application. Please file the Application in your usual fashion and return one (1) file-stamped copy to us in the enclosed envelope.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the cost of filing the Application.

If you have any questions or comments, please call the undersigned.

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