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In re: Request for arbitration concerning complaint of Orlando Telephone Company regarding enforcement of interconnection agreement with Sprint-Florida, Incorporated - Docket No. 990884-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

At the Commission Agenda Conference on October 19, 1999, while favorably but conditionally deciding a motion by Orlando Telephone Company (OTC) to require Sprint-Florida, Incorporated (Sprint), to pay over to OTC 50% of the amount in dispute in Docket No. 990884-TP, the Commission directed its staff to obtain financial information from OTC so that the Commission could have confidence in the ability of OTC to repay Sprint, in the event of a final adverse ruling on the Complaint of OTC seeking enforcement of the interconnection agreement between OTC and Sprint and seeking payment to OTC of terminating access revenue.

In furtherance of the Commission directive to staff, staff has verbally requested a balance sheet and income statement from OTC. OTC intends to respond by filing such statements for the calendar year 1998 and the period January 1 through August 31, 1999.

The request from the Commission, by way of its staff, is either an inquiry, as set forth by Section 350.121, Florida Statutes, and as defined by Rule 25-22.006(1)(c), F.A.C., or is discovery, pursuant to Section 364.183(2), Florida Statutes.

In either event, OTC believes that the information submitted is confidential and proprietary business information and requests that the information be treated as such pending any formal ruling on OTC's request or return of the records to OTC.

Enclosed in a sealed envelope is one copy (unredacted and not highlighted) of the financial statements described above. If there is any problem with the procedure employed by OTC for this filing, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Erwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "E".

David B. Erwin

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