

March 5, 1998

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-085

Re: Application of Focal Communications Corporation of Florida For Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service in the State of Florida - Docket No. 980101-TX

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of Focal Communications Corporation of Florida ("Focal"), and pursuant to our conversation with Mr. Tom Williams of the Commission's Staff, enclosed for filing are an original and six (6) copies of this letter confirming that the tariff accompanying the application in the above-referenced docket was filed for illustrative purposes only, and should not formally be considered as a part of the docket. After the Commission certifies Focal to provide local exchange service in Florida at its March 24, 1998 agenda, and prior to providing any service, Focal will formally file its tariffs in conformance with Florida law, and containing Focal's rates and service areas.

Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Should you have questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Kemal Hawa at 202-945-6987.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel for
Focal Communications Corporation of Florida

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