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Verizon South, Inc.  
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Mr. Alan B. Thomas, Jr.  
Empire Telecom Services, Inc.  
4501 Circle 75 Parkway, Building D, Suite 4210  
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Re: Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by Verizon South, Inc.  
and Empire Telecom Services, Inc., Pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - PSC Reference No. 00219

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that Commission Staff has completed its review of your agreement submitted on November 1, 2000, and has concluded that it is in compliance with federal and state law and with previous Commission orders. Accordingly, it is unnecessary for Staff to refer this matter for formal Commission action. The agreement will be maintained in this office and, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252, shall be effective on January 30, 2001.

If you have not already done so, the Commission requests that Verizon submit the subject agreement in Microsoft® Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Howell Brady at Extension 265.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Dorman  
Executive Director

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