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Mr. Larry D. Callison
Verizon South, Inc.
Post Office Box 1650
Lexington, Kentucky 40588-1650

Mr. Sean T. Hamada, President
Tempest Communications Company
4525 Production Drive
Dallas, Texas 75235

Re: Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by Verizon South, Inc.
and Tempest Communications Company, Pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - PSC Reference No. 00184

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that Commission Staff has completed its review of your agreement submitted on September 15, 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 December 14, 2000.

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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