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Via Overnight Delivery

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Docket No. 00-00996
Application of Lightyear Communications, Inc. for a Certificate to Provide
Facilities-Based Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Competing Local
Exchange Telecommunications Services

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing are the original and thirteen (13) copies of the response of Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Lightyear") to Mr. Darrell Whitis' telephonic request for additional financial information pursuant to Docket No. 00-00996 in the above-entitled proceeding.

This information, which provides additional sources of funding to Lightyear, is being submitted under separate seal as part of this filing because of the confidential proprietary nature of the material. Please handle in accordance with your established procedures for confidential material.

In addition, for the information of Mr. Whitis, Lightyear Holdings, Inc. is the parent corporation of Lightyear Communications, Inc., the applicant in this proceeding. Lightyear Holdings is a holding company, and is not a separate operating entity apart from Lightyear Communications. Therefore the financial information of Lightyear Holdings and Lightyear Communications is one and the same.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for this purpose. Any questions pertaining to this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-8575.

Sincerely,

Robin Norton
Consultant to Lightyear

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