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

> Re: Application of NOW Communications, Inc. for a Certificate to <u>Provide Competing Local Telecommunications Services</u>

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the Response of NOW Communications, Inc. to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's Data Requests of October 17, 2001.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact the undersigned. I remain,

Very truly yours,

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CBW:lw Enclosures IN RE: NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DATA RESPONSES TO TRA STAFF

REQUESTS

Docket No. 01-00878

1. Financial Requirements:

Please provide the following financial information:

Please quantify amounts included in financial statements and projections relating to

reciprocal compensation for terminating ISP traffic.

RESPONSE:

NOW did not incorporate reciprocal compensation for ISP traffic termination in its financial

statements. NOW does not serve ISPs with voluminous inbound calls. NOW serves residential

customers only.

2. <u>Toll Dialing Parity Plan Requirements:</u>

In a May 12, 1999 letter to the Authority, the Applicant's President/CEO stated that NOW's

local resale services were provided on a pre-paid basis only; long-distance calls were blocked; and

long distance service was only provided by other long distance carrier's toll-free number, e.g., 1-800

or 1-888. As a result, NOW did not provide a copy of an IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan. Does

NOW anticipate that it will allow any of its customer base to access long distance services provided

by NOW or any other carrier as a result of becoming a facilities-based carrier? If so, NOW must

provide an acceptable IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan.

RESPONSE:

No. NOW will not provide 1+ service. It will continue to provide pre-paid service only.

NOW submits that the IntraLATA Toll Plan statement previously provided is and will be accurate.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of October, 2001.

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