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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

July 9, 2002

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

Re: **Docket No. 02-00716:** Application of Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC for a Certificate to Provide Competitive Interexchange Services on a Facilities and Resale Basis in the State of Tennessee; and
Docket No. 02-00717: Application of Xspedius Management Co. of Chattanooga, LLC for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local Exchange Services, Including Intrastate Private Line and Special Access Services, and Interexchange Services on a Facilities and Resale Basis in the State of Tennessee
Request to Withdraw the Above-listed Applications

Dear Mr. Waddell,

Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC and Xspedius Management Co. of Chattanooga, LLC, by their attorneys, respectfully request to withdraw the above-captioned applications for authority. These applications were filed as part of a larger transaction, implementing the transfer of assets, customer base and, where permitted, telecommunications licenses from the e.spire Operating Companies to various Xspedius Operating Companies.¹ Pursuant to discussions with TRA Staff, it is our understanding that the grant of authority to these Xspedius entities will be addressed as part of the application for approval of the overall transaction, making the separate applications for authority unnecessary.

¹ **Docket No. 02-00714:** Joint Application of ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc., d/b/a e.spire and American Communication Services of Chattanooga, Inc., d/b/a e.spire, Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC, and Xspedius Management Co. of Chattanooga, LLC For Expedited Approval of (i) the Transfer of Substantially All of the Assets, Including the Customer Contracts, of the e.spire Operating Entities to the Xspedius Operating Entities; (ii) the Transfer of the e.spire Operating Entities' State Authorizations to the Xspedius Operating Entities; and (iii) the Discontinuance of Telecommunications Services in Tennessee by the e.spire Operating Entities

Please date-stamp the enclosed duplicate of this filing and return in the pre-addressed envelope provided. If there are any questions regarding this application, please contact me at (703) 918-2315. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Winifred Brantl".

Winifred Brantl

Enclosures

cc: D. Whitis
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