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Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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460 James Robertson Parkway
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RE: Discount Communications Application for Certificate to Provide Competing
Local Telecommunications Services

Docket No.: 99-0489

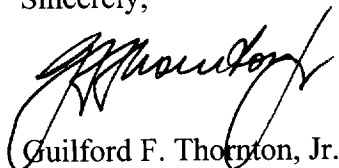
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Dear Mr. Waddell:

Please allow this letter to serve as formal notice of the withdrawal of this law firm as counsel of record for Discount Communications in the above referenced matter. This firm has no representation of Discount Communications in any matter before the Authority at this time. Please direct future correspondence to Mr Ed Hayes, President of Discount Communications, at 3340 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38111.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chairman Melvin Malone, Director Lynn Greer, Director Sara Kyle,
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