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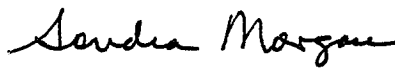
Re: New Florence Telephone Company, Case No. TO-2005-0237;
Objections to Staff Data Requests Nos. 38 and 40.

Dear Nathan:

Attached please find New Florence Telephone Company's objections to Staff Data Requests Nos. 38 and 40 requesting access to the workpapers of its auditors. If you have any questions regarding these objections, please call our office.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

By: 
Sondra B. Morgan

Enclosures
cc: Office of Public Counsel
Mr. David Winter
Mr. Robert Williams

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Data Request

Data Request No.	0038
Company Name	New Florence Telephone Company-ILEC(Telephone)
Case/Tracking No.	TO-2005-0237
Date Requested	02/28/2005
Issue	Other - Other
Requested From	Sondra Morgan
Requested By	David Winter
Brief Description	New Florence External Audit Workpapers
Description	Request access to the audit workpapers of Warinner, Gesinger & Associates, LLC that support the Independent Auditor's Report for the Financial Statements of New Florence Telephone Company, Inc. for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.
Due Date	03/20/2005

Objection	New Florence Telephone Company objects to Staff Data Request No. 38 requesting the audit workpapers of Warinner, Gessinger & Associates, LLC for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 on the grounds that the auditors' workpapers are privileged and protected from discovery pursuant to § 326.322.2, RSMo (Supp. 2004).
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Data Request

Data Request No.	0040
Company Name	New Florence Telephone Company-ILEC(Telephone)
Case/Tracking No.	TO-2005-0237
Date Requested	02/28/2005
Issue	Other - Other
Requested From	Sondra Morgan
Requested By	David Winter
Brief Description	New Florence Audit Work Papers - Mize, Houser & Company

Description	Request access to all audit workpapers of Mize, Houser & Company that support the Independent Auditor's Report for the Financial Statements of New Florence Telephone Company, Inc. for the entire period of the audit engagement until the withdrawal of the firm from the engagement.
Due Date	03/20/2005

Objection	New Florence Telephone Company objects to Staff Data Request No. 40 requesting the audit workpapers of Mize, Houser & Company for the entire period of the audit engagement on the grounds that the auditors' workpapers are privileged and protected from discovery pursuant to § 326.322.2, RSMo (Supp. 2004).
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