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Mr. William F. Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: CC Docket 94-1; Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Mr. Caton:

Today, members of Customers for Access Rate Equity (CARE) met with Regina Keeney, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau and Anna Gomez, Les Selzer, Larry Atlas and Richard Metzger of the Bureau. Representing CARE were Rick Whitt (LDDS Worldcom), Bruce Cox (AT&T), Susan Hafeli (API), Brad Stillman (CFA), Brian Moir (ICA), Christopher Frentrup (MCI) and I. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the FCC to act expeditiously in this proceeding and set a new, higher "x-factor". The attached information was used during the meeting.

Sincerely,

Leonard S. Sawicki

Attachment

- cc: Mr. Atlas
- Ms. Gomez
- Ms. Keeney
- Mr. Metzger
- Mr. Selzer

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PROJECTION OF INDUSTRY RATE CHANGES
1996 ANNUAL FILING
(\$M)

◆ RECURRING ANNUAL PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENTS		(539)
INFLATION LESS PRODUCTIVITY OFFSET	(483)	
COMMON LINE FACTOR	(56)	
◆ 1996 SPECIFIC ADJUSTMENTS		
OTHER FACTORS DRIVING RATES DOWN		(169)
• Sharing Based On 1995 Earnings	(169)	
FACTORS DRIVING RATES UP		844
• REVERSAL OF :Sharing Based On 1994 Earnings	498	
Eleven Month PCI Gross Up	159	
Back Dating Of X- Factor To 5.3%	75	
• OTHER EXOGENOUS COSTS	<u>112</u>	
◆ INDUSTRY NET ANNUAL FILING		136

**ESTIMATED PRICE CAP LEC HEADROOM
(\$M)**

◆ PROJECTED HEADROOM GENERATED BY 1996 FILING	\$136
◆ HEADROOM AVAILABLE AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1996	<u>\$349</u>
◆ POTENTIAL RATE INCREASE	\$485