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

RE: Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, CC
Docket No. 96-61

Dear Mr. Caton:

I am writing to express concern about the FCC's proposal to eliminate the tariff filing requirements for interstate, interexchange carriers in the proceeding referenced above. Eagle Enterprises, L.L.C is a telephone analyzing/auditing business, while we and most of our clients are small businesses, our clients depend on us to give them informed and accurate information pertaining to their telephone service. Eagle Enterprises, L.L.C. has depended upon the information previously available in public tariff filings to correct the many errors found on bills, collect refunds for clients, and make educated cost comparison for clients. Without such information, this information would no longer be available to us, and more importantly, to the public. In the three years I have been analyzing telephone bills we have discovered countless errors and over billings. Additionally, we feel if this information is made unavailable to the public there would be no way to make cost comparisons between carriers, which at this time vary considerably. The release of this information keeps the playing field level, and in most cases honest. Without it you are inviting price fixing and monopolies.

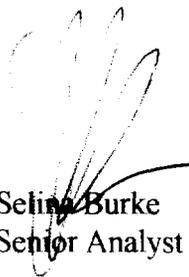
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Such information will enable informed decisionmaking by consumers - particularly small businesses (like myself) that do not have the resources to obtain this information absent a public availability requirement. This information will also more readily enable consumers to determine if interexchange carriers are pricing in a non-discriminatory manner. Even if the tariff filing requirement is eliminated, other provisions of the Communications Act require that carriers provide service in a non-discriminatory manner. Absent some mechanism for customers to determine carrier's pricing, however, it is hard to tell if carriers are complying with this statutory requirement.

In a robustly competitive market such as that for interstate, interexchange telecommunications services, the availability of pricing information will only further foster that competitiveness. For example, pricing information could assist resellers in determining the financial feasibility for market entry, which can further increase the competitiveness of the market. By extension, it will increase the competitiveness of small businesses that are able to readily minimize their communications costs. I, therefore strongly urge the FCC to require interexchange telephone companies to make their pricing information available to public in some fashion.

Sincerely,



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