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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Washington, DC 20554

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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. TREMCO Legal Solutions, Inc. is a software vendor providing accounting software to law firms. TREMCO has depended up the information previously available in public tariff filings to provide our clients with rate information for telephone billings to clients. Without such information, we will no longer be able to supply our clients with these telephone rates.

Although the FCC proposes to eliminate the tariff filing requirements for interstate interchange carriers, the FCC tentatively recommends that interexchange telephone companies be required to maintain pricing information for use by the FCC upon request. I strongly urge the FCC to require that such information also be available to the public upon request. This could be done cheaply, efficiently, and with a minimum of administrative burden to either the FCC or to the interexchange carriers. The possible mechanisms for the provision of such information could include some sort of central clearinghouse, on-line availability, or physical availability at designated carrier locations.

Such information will enable informed decisionmaking by consumers - particularly small businesses 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 Communication Act require that carriers provide service in a non-discriminatory manner. Absent some mechanism for customer to determine carriers' 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 of 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 the public in some fashion.

Sincerely,

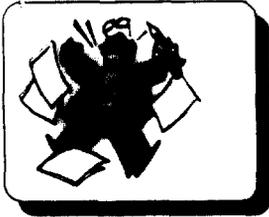
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Re: Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange
Marketplace, CC Docket No. 96-81

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. Utility Audit Company, Inc. is an analytical business who depend upon the information previously available in public tariff filings to review our client's billings for errors and overcharges. Without such information, we will be unable to perform a major part of our service for our clients thereby greatly reducing our ability to earn a livelihood.

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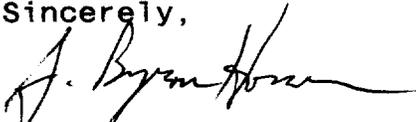
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J. Byron Horner
President

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