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The providers should also jointly agree on whether the agreement will be filed under confidential cover. If the agreement is to be confidential, it must be accompanied by the appropriate form. All approved agreements must be made public ten days after Commission approval, as required by federal law. Therefore, confidentiality cannot be requested beyond ten days after the Commission approves the agreement. **Given this situation, and because of the significant administrative burdens created by the confidentiality requirements, the Commission *strongly* recommends that such agreements *not* be filed confidentially.**

Companies need only file those agreements that have not already been filed. For example, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. (Ameritech), will file all Extended Area Service (EAS) agreements between it and the independent companies by July 1, 1996. The independent companies (ICOs) are to file all their remaining EAS agreements by November 1, 1996. At that time the ICOs will not need to refile those agreements which were filed by Ameritech on July 1, 1996.

Where companies have a number of agreements that have the same rates, terms and/or conditions, the company should file five copies of a sample of the agreement or identical language, together with a list of all identical agreements or agreements using that language. If the terms and conditions of the agreements are the same, but the rates differ, the company can file a sample of the terms and conditions, together with copies of just the pages from each agreement showing the differing rates. Where a company has a number of similar agreements and is recommending that the Commission reject each of those agreements for the same reasons, the company can file five copies of the argument and rationale for rejection separately--rather than including the complete argument in each cover letter -- and simply cite those reasons in the cover letters accompanying each filing.

Many of the agreements to be filed will be between Ameritech and the ICOs (or GTE North Incorporated [GTE] and the ICOs). As a result, the Commission will be considering approval of agreements involving ICOs beginning July 1, 1996. The Act allows the Commission only 90 days to consider such agreements, therefore any ICOs wishing to obtain rural telephone company exemptions will need to file a request for such exemptions within 60 days of the date of filing. The Commission will hold a technical conference in early June to clarify the procedures for filing such exemptions.

For the purposes of this schedule, the various agreements which must be filed are divided into the following categories:

Direct Interconnection: This category includes agreements for the termination of local calls originated on one provider's network and terminated on that of the other provider that are not included in the EAS or Extended Community Calling (ECC) categories.

EAS: EAS agreements are for the transport and termination of extended area service calls.

ECC: ECC agreements are for the transport and termination of extended community calling calls.

Toll transport: Toll transport agreements relate to the handling of, and compensation for, interexchange transport and routing.

Other toll services: These include agreements covering the handling of Feature Group B (FGB), revenue sharing for Feature Group A (FGA), and similar agreements covering toll services which are not filed in the toll transport or toll recording category.

911: This category covers contracts for 911 service, plus agreements over the routing of emergency calls and compensation for such emergency calls and associated networks.

DA: This category covers agreements and contracts for directory assistance.

Directory Listings: This category covers agreements for the sharing, sale, or use of directory listings, and for distribution of directories.

OS: This category covers agreements and contracts involving operator services (except for directory assistance). This also includes agreements for providing Traffic Service Position system (TSPS) service to Customer-Owned Coin-Operated Telephones (COCOTs).

Toll Recording: This category includes agreements and contracts for performing rating and/or recording of toll calls at another end office or tandem, when the end office does not have that capability.

SS7: This category includes agreements for providing Signalling System 7 services through the tandem or another remote office, for interconnection to signal transfer points (STPs) and other SS7 equipment and databases, and also includes agreements for 800 number translation and WATS serving offices.

Switcher Areas: This category covers agreements under which one LEC provides switching services for a portion of another LEC's exchange.

Private Line: This category includes agreements for the channels used in providing private line services, Bell Channel services, and foreign exchange services.

Intercept: Intercept agreements provide intercept announcements for customers who have moved.

Internet: This category covers agreements with Internet service providers, including agreements with LEC subsidiaries providing Internet or Internet services provided by the LEC under nonutility merchandising.

Cellular: This category covers agreements with cellular, paging or RCC providers.

State Services: This category covers agreements covering links or "spurs" used by the State Telephone Service (STS) system or by the lottery network.

Other: This category covers any other agreements between providers not listed above.

Schedule

Agreements must be filed according to the following schedule. Early filing (more than 15 days before the listed date) is strongly discouraged.

By July 1, 1996

Ameritech and (GTE) file: any direct interconnection, cellular and EAS agreements, including agreements between Ameritech and the ICOs and between GTE and the ICOs.

ICOs File: none.

By August 1, 1996

Ameritech and GTE File: SS7, toll transport, toll recording and other toll services.

ICOs File: none.

By September 3, 1996

Ameritech and GTE File: 911, DA, OS and directory listing agreements.

ICOs File: none.

By October 1, 1996

Ameritech and GTE file: ECC.

ICOs File: ECC.

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By November 1, 1996

Ameritech and GTE File: switcher areas, state services, internet, private line and other agreements.

ICOs File: direct interconnection and EAS agreements.

By December 2, 1996

Ameritech and GTE File: any remaining agreements.

ICOs File: SS7, toll transport, toll recording and other toll services.

By January 2, 1997

Ameritech and GTE File: none.

ICOs File: 911, DA, OS and directory listing agreements.

By February 3, 1997

Ameritech and GTE File: none.

ICOs file: switcher areas, state services, internet, private line and other agreements.

This letter order is issued under the Commission's jurisdiction in ss. 196.02, 196.19, 196.194(1), 196.196, 196.20, 196.25, 196.28, 196.37, 196.219, Stats., other provisions of chs. 196 and 227, Stats., as may be pertinent hereto, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

If you should have any questions on this, please contact Peter Jahn of the Telecommunications Division staff at (608) 267-2338.

By the Commission.

Signed this _____ day of _____

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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Notice of Appeal Rights

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Notice is further given that, if the foregoing decision is an order following a proceeding which is a contested case as defined in s. 227.01(3), Stats., a person aggrieved by the order has the further right to file one petition for rehearing as provided in s. 227.49, Stats. The petition must be filed within 20 days of the date of mailing of this decision.

If this decision is an order after rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not an option.

This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with s. 227.48(2), Stats., and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

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To: All Local Exchange Carriers

Re: Investigation of the Implementation of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996 in Wisconsin

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At its open meeting of May 16, 1996, the Commission determined that s. 196.219(3)(j), Wis. Stats., and § 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, require that all resale prohibitions be removed. Those statutes allow for a limited number of restrictions on resale of services.

All local exchange carriers are hereby directed to file tariffs within 60 days removing all resale prohibitions, and segregating all resale restrictions into a single, easily identifiable section of the utility's tariff, such as a portion of the rules and regulations chapter. Competitors or other interested parties may challenge any of these restrictions under the Commission's complaint procedures.

Local exchange companies with 150,000 or fewer access lines may restrict the use of Extended Community Calling (ECC) and business services when used as a substitute for access, but may not prohibit the resale of those services. Companies wishing to impose such restrictions must include those restrictions in their tariff filings. The Commission will consider removal of such restrictions, on a company-specific basis, when that company receives a bonafide request to lift that restriction.

The Commission further determined that, where the residential and business prices for a service differ, services purchased at residential rates may not be resold to business customers. As appropriate, this restriction should be included in the resale rules being drafted in docket 1-AC-158, and companies may also include this "class of service" restriction in the section of their tariffs on resale restrictions.

The Commission also approved all telecommunications services for resale under s. 196.01(9), Wis. Stats. Such approval merely clarifies that resellers may resell all services, where not otherwise restricted. It does not override tariff restriction on resale.

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