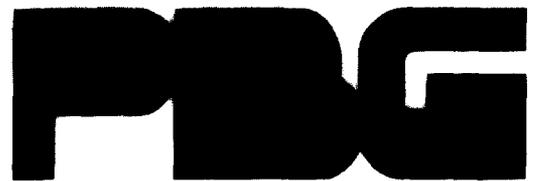


July 11, 1996

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554



PHILLIPS & BROOKS \ GLADWIN, INC.[®]

RE: Common Carrier Docket No. 96-128

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Dear Mr. Caton,

As a long-time supplier of products and services to the Public Communications industry, I would like to convey my strongest support for full market parity for all payphone providers, including the Regional Bell Operating Companies, to participate in selecting and negotiating with long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers.

Recently, the business and reputation of the payphone industry has been hurt by fringe operators who have gouged customers, slammed carriers, and created unrealistic expectations on commission rates for location providers at the expense of ethical, competitive payphone providers. We believe that allowing all payphone providers to have the same business opportunities will improve customer satisfaction, increase consumer use of payphones and maintain the current high levels of payphone deployment and access. Further, a level playing field will give location customers greater choice than they enjoy today with a key portion of the market being only single-source providers.

For over thirty years, Phillips & Brooks/Gladwin, Inc. (PBG) has manufactured and serviced products for a broad array of payphone providers including RBOCs, long distance carriers, independent local exchange companies, and independent payphone providers. We provide employment opportunities for over 250 direct employees, over 200 subcontractors and over 1000 vendors, in the United States. Over 25% of our subcontracting goes to Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprises through our active M/WBE program. We believe the ability to maintain and increase the jobs we directly and indirectly provide is dependent on a fully competitive payphone industry.

We find the positive public interest in full competition to be self-evident and we strongly urge you to implement full competition by November 8, 1996.

Thank you for allowing Phillips & Brooks/Gladwin, Inc. to provide our comments and support.

Sincerely,

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Mark W. McCullough
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Mr. William F. Calon, Acting Secretary
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: C.C. Docket No. 96-128

Dear Sir:

As both a key supplier to the Payphone Industry and an individual who makes extensive use of public payphones, I would like to provide comments with regard to the public interest in having a fully competitive payphone industry

I sincerely believe it is in the best interests of the industry as a whole (including its customers) that RBOC payphone units should be allowed to participate in selecting and negotiating with long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers. I believe that end-user customers would benefit from RBOC involvement in carrier selection which would prevent abuse of customers by unscrupulous long distance carriers and help to maintain the widespread deployment of payphones; all of which would definitely be in the public interest.

A healthy, fully competitive payphone industry would help strengthen both the economy and American jobs. In addition to strengthening the jobs of independent and RBOC company employees, full market parity would also benefit the employers of payphone equipment suppliers, 90% of which are located here in the United States.

Respectfully yours,

Michael G. Sadler
President

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July 11, 1996

William F. Canton, Acting Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mr. Canton.

In the matter referenced above, the 52 members of the 7-Eleven Franchise Owners Association of Greater Los Angeles urge the FCC to support full and equal marketplace capabilities for all payphone vendors to negotiate and contract with long distance carriers.

We are an Association of independent business owners who operate franchised convenience stores in California. Our members depend on public telephones for customer service and the revenues they bring us from the contracts with our providers.

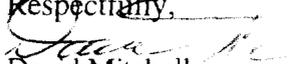
We believe that our interests will be far better served in a fully competitive market for a number of reasons:

- We manage contracts with many vendors, and we should be able to contract with a Local Exchange Carrier for pay telephones without having to, as a matter of regulation, automatically burden ourselves with managing a long distance carrier.
- We would be able to enjoy the economic benefit of the LEC's negotiating ability and scale without giving up our buying power. If we do not agree with a LEC-selected IEC we can ask them for another, or select our own. We would have more choices.
- Our customers would be better protected from the price gouging that exists in the industry.
- LECs would be better able to protect us from being "slammed".

Increased LEC efficiency as a result of competitive parity should enable them to pass along economic benefit through either higher commissions or more installed phones.

We therefore urge the FCC to support the wishes of Congress and act toward moving the public telephone industry toward a fully competitive market driven industry.

Respectfully,


David Mitchell

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-128

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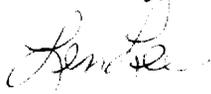
I am writing to voice my support of the above proposed legislation that would permit payphone providers to participate in selecting long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers.

Public payphones remain an important communication option for consumers. If RBOCs are permitted to compete for long-distance service, I feel it would protect payphone users from price gouging, prevent high rates and poor service.

As the FCC studies the payphone rule issues, I would ask that you give the RBOCs a level playing field. I think that it will ultimately benefit everyone involved.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,



Len Lee

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mr. Caton:

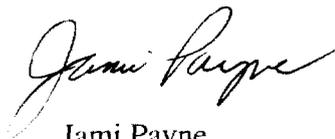
The Federal Communications Commission is currently conducting an extensive payphone rulemaking regarding the allowance of RBOCs to participate in selecting and negotiating with long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers.

Please support such interLATA selection capabilities, as I believe customers would benefit from the additional control, choice and value that they would receive from having RBOCs compete for their business as a single-source provider. An additional benefit to the end user consumer is the anticipated reduction of long distance "slamming" and pricing gouging.

Of utmost priority is the opportunity for RBOC payphone units to have the same business opportunities that independent payphone providers already enjoy today.

Thank you for supporting this topic.

Sincerely,



Jami Payne

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SUBJECT: *CC Docket No. 96-128*

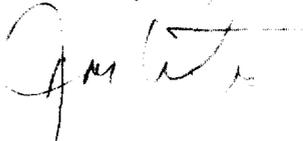
Dear Mr. Caton:

I write in support of allowing RBOC payphone providers to participate in the selection of long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers. ***I strongly urge the FCC to find this activity to be in the public interest.***

Even in this age of cellular phones, personal communication services and wireless pagers, public payphones remain an important communications option for myself and millions of other consumers. Allowing the RBOCs to compete for long-distance service would protect payphone users from pricing gouging by unscrupulous long-distance carriers, protect location providers from "slamming" and generally would create an economic environment that would encourage the widespread deployment of payphones.

The revolution of change that is underway in America's telecommunications industry is being driven by competition. Allowing RBOCs to compete for the payphone long distance dollar -- ***the same business opportunity already enjoyed today by independent payphone providers*** -- will ultimately provide better value for all payphone consumers

Sincerely,



Jay Waters

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William Caton
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mr. Caton,

I am writing as an interested user of telephone services, as well as a personal friend of several employees at BellSouth. Having followed what I can of telecommunications legislation and other developments, I feel compelled to write in support of BellSouth.

In my opinion, any legislation or other regulatory directives should in no way prevent BellSouth -- or any of the other Regional Bell Operating Companies -- from being able to compete on a level playing field. It is my understanding that Congress has passed legislation to ensure such an environment.

As the FCC studies the payphone rules issue, I simply ask that you remember that all BellSouth is asking for is a level playing field, and that it be given a chance to perform up to its full potential. I would hope this would help reduce gouging, higher-than-required long distance rates and the continuation of payphones in a widespread area.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Regards,



Charlie Ingram
Birmingham, Alabama



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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mr. Caton:

I support allowing RBOC payphone providers to participate in the selection of long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers. In my opinion, allowing the RBOCs to compete for the long distance service would prevent gouging of payphone customers and help protect the public from slamming. This would surely be in the public's interest.

I respectfully request that the FCC allow the RBOCs to participate in selecting and negotiating with long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers.

Sincerely,


Linda O. Rountree

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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mr. Canton:

I am writing in support of the above proposed legislation that would permit RBOCs to participate in negotiating with long distance carriers on behalf of payphone location providers.

I believe customers would benefit from the additional control, choice and value from having RBOCs compete for their business, in addition to the reduction of long distance "slamming" and price gouging.

This legislation would give RBOC payphone units the same business opportunities that independent payphone providers already have.

Please give careful consideration to this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,



Jane Mantooth

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William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96 - 128

Dear Secretary Caton:

On behalf of the California State Sheriffs' Association, I respectfully ask the Federal Communications Commission to uphold the wishes of Congress in the referenced Docket by ensuring that all companies and local exchange carriers (LECs) have the same business opportunities as do private payphone providers (PPPs) regarding the selection of long distance carriers.

We believe that a more fully competitive market, with regard to promoting single-point-of-contact payphone selection is in the best interest of both the location providers and their customers.

Simply put, expanded competitive choice in an open market always benefits the consumer, and in this case the buyers (location providers and end user) would not be sacrificing any of their abilities to choose: our members would still be able to select their carriers of choice, and the calling party would have access to his carrier of choice.

Additionally, all companies and LECs should be able to create incremental economic value for location providers in the form of higher commissions and increased ability to deploy phones. Similarly, they would be in a better position to mitigate the practices of "slamming and gouging" that occur in the industry.

We therefore urge the FCC to support the wishes of Congress and act toward moving the public telephone industry toward a fully competitive, market driven industry.

Respectfully,

Ronald D. Jarrell, President
Sheriff, Lassen County