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William F. Caton, Secretary
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1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
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In re Matter of the Pay Telephone
Reclassification and Compensation
Provisions of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed for filing in this docket are the original and one copy of a one-page paper addressing the charges for local payphone calls in states that have deregulated payphone rates. I would ask that you include this paper in the record of this proceeding.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 326-7902.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Michael K. Kellogg

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Payphone Rates in Deregulated States

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The RBOC Payphone Coalition submits this ex parte to provide additional information concerning the price of local payphone calls in states that have deregulated payphone rates. As the chart below shows, even in these states, the RBOC PSP charges a maximum of \$0.35 per call. To the best of the Coalition's knowledge, non-RBOC PSPs in these states charge \$0.35 as well.

State	Deregulation Date	RBOC Local Call Rate	Non-RBOC PSP Local Call Rate
Iowa	Sept. 1985	\$0.35	\$0.35*
Nebraska	Jan. 1987	\$0.35	\$0.35
North Dakota	Aug. 1993	\$0.35	\$0.35
South Dakota	Nov. 1992	\$0.25	\$0.25
Wyoming	Mar. 1995	\$0.35	\$0.35
Montana ⁺	Mar. 1990	\$0.25	\$0.25

* For some period of time, an independent PSP charged \$0.25 at certain locations, even though U S West was charging \$0.35.

+ Detariffing applied to local calls only.

The RBOC PSP in each of these states charges a uniform price regardless of location, so payphone patrons always pay the same rate for a local call, whether they are in an airport, at a truck stop, or on a street-corner.