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August 28, 1996

Mr. William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-149

Dear Mr. Caton:

We understand that the FCC, particularly through this docket, is considering additional rules that will impact the new competitive options that are enabled by the Telecom Act of 1996. We are concerned that FCC Regulatory processes could negate the benefits that the Act brings to PNC Bank.

We look to our telecommunications vendors to provide full service solutions that are unrestricted in terms of geography or the types of services that can be provided. We do not want the BOCs to be weighed down with additional marketing and operating restrictions as they attempt to deliver the new capabilities the Act defines.

Specifically, we need the BOCs or their affiliates to be able to market to us cohesive services and packages within a single organization, including local and long distance. I do not want rules implemented that will impede the BOCs or their affiliates in offering through a single account team all of the services we could benefit from. To perpetuate marketing restrictions that these companies face in serving large users hurts me, the customer.

Further, accounting and other structural separations rules for the BOCs beyond those spelled out in the Act are unnecessary. My business does not need further regulatory "protection" in this area. The Act dealt with this sufficiently. New rules on separations will only serve to increase costs and that means higher prices to me and less likelihood that a BOC will be a viable competitor for me to consider. Again, customers like me will lose from such a policy.

Sincerely,

Sherry L. DuCarme

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