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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)
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Guidelines for Evaluating the)
Environmental Effects of)
Radiofrequency Radiation)

ET Docket 93-62
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REPLY TO COMMENTS OF AMERITECH MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

While Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc., in its Comments filed March 27, 1997, opposes the Petition of the Cellular Phone Taskforce filed February 17, 1997, Ameritech has not addressed any of the concerns of the Cellular Phone Taskforce. The Taskforce has noted that the delay in implementation of the new regulations will allow the proliferation of an unlimited number of facilities authorized under part 15, subparts E and H of part 22, part 90, and part 94 of the Commission's Rules during the coming year, because these types of facilities were categorically excluded from routine environmental evaluation under the old regulations and are still categorically excluded under the transition provisions adopted August 6, 1996. The Taskforce is asking for immediate compliance with the new guidelines in order that those types of facilities come under environmental regulation in some way, in light of the uncontrolled proliferation of such facilities which is already occurring throughout the United States, and which is causing severe injury to the Taskforce's constituents. It is true, as Ameritech Mobile Communications notes, that the Taskforce claims the new

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regulations are flawed. However, flawed regulations will protect the public better than no regulations, and it is for this reason that the Taskforce urges the Commission to require immediate compliance with the new guidelines pending their revision to correct their flaws.

The Cellular Phone Taskforce also notes that neither Ameritech Mobile Communications, nor any other petitioner in this docket, has submitted any statement or evidence or opinion to contradict any of the voluminous evidence, cited by both the Taskforce and the Ad-hoc Association of Parties Concerned About the Federal Communication Commission's Radiofrequency Health and Safety Rules, of theoretical and actual harm to the public caused by the new guidelines and by the consequently proliferating wireless facilities in the United States. Therefore, given the absence of any contrary testimony, the Taskforce again urges the Commission to reconsider its new RF guidelines along the lines we requested in our previous petitions and other motions in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Arthur Firstenberg, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Reply was sent, via U.S. mail, first-class, postage paid, to Dennis L. Myers, Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc., 2000 West Ameritech Center Drive, Location 3H78, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195, on this 4th day of April, 1997.

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