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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: CC Docket No. 96-128
Ameritech CEI Plan for Pay Telephone Services

Dear Mr. Caton:

Ameritech is submitting this written ex parte in compliance with the Common Carrier Bureau's recent Order in the above proceeding.¹

Ameritech offers the following basic services to support pay telephone service providers:

- An Independent Payphone Provider ("IPP") Coin Line for use with "dumb" pay telephone sets
- A Customer Owned Pay Telephone ("COPT") service line for use with "smart" pay telephone sets

Following are the features related to the IPP Coin Line or the COPT line or both, together with the location of each service in the Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2.

¹ *In the Matter of Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-128, Order, DA 97-678 (released April 4, 1997) ("Bureau Order").

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Directory Assistance	9	455
Billed Number Screening	6.1.3	132.3
Originating Line Screening	6.3.1	163.7

In compliance with the requirements of the Bureau Order, Ameritech will be filing a federal tariff for ProfitMasterSM within 45 days of the April 4 release date of the Bureau Order.

At that same time, Ameritech will submit a modification of its federal tariff for answer supervision that will make it clear that the feature is not limited to applications involving Feature Group A.

By way of clarification, with respect to inmate services, Ameritech's payphone operations will utilize the same access lines with the same features as are available to independent providers of inmate services. Ameritech's payphone operations will not have access to lines or line-related functionalities that are not available to independent providers.

Further, access to Ameritech payphone repair centers has been reconfigured so that, in all cases, such access is provided via an 800 number (i.e., not via 611). In addition, where necessary, placards on Ameritech pay stations have been changed to reflect this fact.

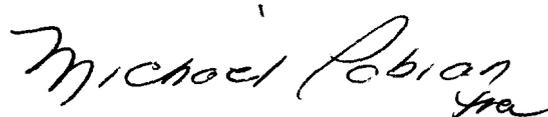
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Also, the application of special signaling ("SIT") tones to certain specific "no answer" situations (e.g., misdialed area codes) has not changed. In other words, the historical application of SIT tones to various call situations continues, primarily for the benefit of independent payphone providers, despite the fact that Ameritech has received complaints about the tones from some hearing-sensitive customers.

In addition, with respect to answer supervision, it should be noted that the feature is not provided, as such, on IPP Coin Lines. Rather, some of the functions provided by answer supervision are included in coin supervision that an inherent part of Coin Line functionality and that is available to all users an IPP Coin Line - whether Ameritech's affiliated operations or independent payphone providers.

Similarly, the answer supervision that is available in connection with a COPT line is provided in the same manner regardless of the entity utilizing the COPT line. While it is true that, from time to time, Ameritech has experienced some difficulty in provisioning that feature, this is largely due to the fact that the feature involves different provisioning requirements for each different type of switch utilized by Ameritech. When this fact is coupled with the fact that the feature is ordered only rarely, limited experience with the feature by installation personnel at times leads to provisioning errors. Ameritech has continually attempted to address this problem with training. Once the feature has been successfully installed, Ameritech is not aware of any "technical difficulties."

Respectfully submitted



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