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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 letter to Mary Beth Richards. I sent this letter to Ms. Richards today on behalf of the RBOC Payphone Coalition. I would ask that you include the letter in the record of this proceeding in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(a)(2).

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

cc: Mary Beth Richards

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In re Implementation of the Pay Telephone
Reclassification and Compensation Provisions
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mary Beth:

This letter will clarify the request I made yesterday on behalf of the RBOCs for a limited waiver of the Commission's intrastate tariffing requirements for basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions.

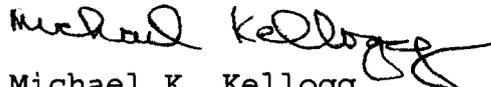
To the best of my knowledge, all the RBOCs have (or will by April 15, 1997, have) effective state tariffs for all the basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions required by the Commission's order. We are not seeking a waiver of that requirement. We seek a waiver only of the requirement that those intrastate tariffs satisfy the Commission's "new services" test. The waiver will allow LECs 45 days (from the April 4 Order) to gather the relevant cost information and either be prepared to certify that the existing tariffs satisfy the costing standards of the "new services" test or to file new or revised tariffs that do satisfy those standards. Furthermore, as noted, where new or revised tariffs are required and the new tariff rates are lower than the existing ones, we will undertake (consistent with state requirements) to reimburse or provide a credit back to April 15, 1997, to those purchasing the services under the existing tariffs.

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Mary Beth Richards
April 11, 1997
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I hope this clarification is helpful. Copies of this letter have been served by hand on the APCC, AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

Yours sincerely,


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