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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 Michael Carowitz. I sent this letter to Mr. Carowitz 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) 326-7953. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Lamken

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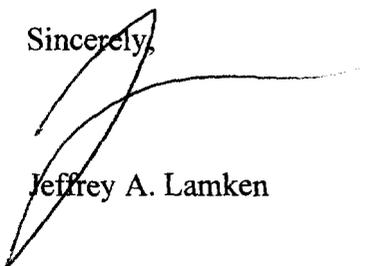
Dear Michael:

As we discussed yesterday, I am writing to confirm that the following Petitions for Reconsideration and Applications for Review have not yet, but eventually will be, put out for public comment:

1. Applications for Review of the Bureau's April 15, 1997 Order, DA 97-805, in the above-captioned proceeding, filed by (1) Telco Communications Group (May 15, 1997); and (2) Excel Telecommunications Inc. (May 15, 1997);
2. Petition for Clarification or Reconsideration of the Bureau's April 4, 1997, Order, DA 97-678, in the above-captioned proceeding, filed by the American Public Communications Council (May 5, 1997); and
3. Application for Review of the Bureau's April 4, 1997, Order, DA 97-678, in the above-captioned proceeding, filed by Excel Telecommunications Inc. (May 5, 1997).

If I am in any way mistaken, please advise me as soon as possible. Otherwise, it is not necessary to respond to this letter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey A. Lamken