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Re: CC DOCKET 96-45, FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed is an original and twelve copies of the Election of the State of Maine Public Utilities Commission to Conduct its Own Forward-Looking Economic Cost Studies, in the above docket.

Please date stamp one copy and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl  
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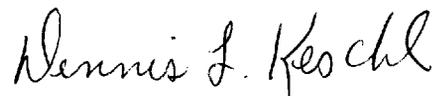
The Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) takes this opportunity to make the election to conduct its own forward-looking cost study.

In paragraph 248 of the Report and Order in this docket adopted on May 7, 1997 and released on May 8, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission (the Commission) required states to elect by August 15, 1997, whether they will conduct

their own forward-looking economic cost study. Pursuant to that requirement the MPUC hereby informs the Commission that the MPUC intends to conduct its own forward-looking cost study and to examine forward-looking economic cost in the course of its proceeding examining the pricing of unbundled network elements for NYNEX. If the Commission requires any further information regarding this matter prior to the February 6, 1998 date by which states are expected to file their own studies with the Commission, it should contact the MPUC.

Respectfully submitted,

For the  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Commission Election of the State of Maine Public Utilities Commission to conduct its Own Forward-Looking Economic Cost Studies have been furnished to the parties on the attached service list this 5th day of August, 1997.



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