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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington D.C. 20554

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Policy and Rules Concerning the)
Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace)
Implementation of Section 254(g) of the)
Communications Act of 1934, as amended)

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The Federal Communications Commission Has Invited Comments
Before September 5, 1997 By The People In The Territory Of American Samoa
On Integrating Our Telephone Long Distance Rates With The Rest Of The United States.

REQUEST FOR FCC ASSISTANCE IN LOWERING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES

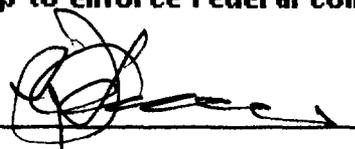
I am a resident of American Samoa, and I am limited in my long distance phone calls to the rest of the States and Territories of my country because of the extremely high costs charged for each minute, particularly by the Government of American Samoa telephone service, over which there are no controls nor public review of whatever they choose to charge us for our telephone needs.

I urgently ask the FCC to grant us in American Samoa, the same protection that other people of the United States have to fair, uniform, and low cost long distance telephone rates, directed by the U.S. Congress for all Americans.

I respectfully ask the Federal Communications Commission to require that the American Samoa international area code be changed to a domestic area code; that the Commission require the carriers to provide us with 1+ dialing; and that the Commission require that the access charge for our long distance calls using our local telephone lines be limited to the lowest access charge used in the States.

I would like to respectfully remind the Commission that every dollar used to build and operate our local American Samoa phone system has come not from the government or investors, but from the pockets of all us who use this telephone service. We should be entitled to the minimum access charges to the system which we built and paid for.

Our American Samoa telephone system has no rate controls, and all of us need your help to enforce Federal communication law in the U.S. Territory of American Samoa.

 (Rev. Teofilo) of the Village of Agaitua
American Samoa 8/28 - 1997