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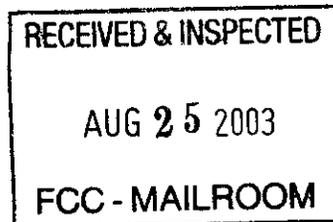
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August 22, 2003

*Via Overnight Mail*



Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: CC Dkt. No. 94-129: Certification of Exemption from "Drop-Off" Requirement

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Advantage Telecommunications Corp. ("Advantage"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby certifies that it qualifies for an exemption from the "drop-off" requirement set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 64.1120.

In its recent decision in CC Dkt. 94-129, the Commission established a new mechanism by which carriers' certifying as to their inability to comply with the "drop-off" rule will be exempt from that rule for a two-year period. See Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers' Long Distance Carriers, CC Docket No.94-129, Third Order on Reconsideration and Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 68 Fed. Reg. 19152 & 19176 (rel. March 17, 2003).

Due to technical limitations to the type of service available to Advantage's marketing companies through their local exchange carriers, Advantage's marketing representative are unable to "drop-off" a call after a three way conference call is initiated. This precludes Advantage from complying with the "drop-off" rule. A certification signed by Sonya Bly, President of Advantage, is made in support of these statements under Section 1.16 of the Commission's rules is enclosed herewith.

An additional copy of this letter has been enclosed to be date-stamped and returned in the envelope provided as evidence of the filing.

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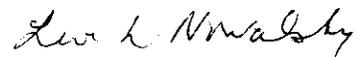
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Questions regarding this certification should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Leon L. Nowalsky   
Counsel for Advantage  
Telecommunications Corp.

cc: Nancy Stevenson, Federal Communications Commission  
Qualex International

Enclosure

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CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Secrest, certify that I am President of Horizon Telecom, Inc. ("Horizon"); that I am authorized to make this certification for Horizon Telecom, Inc. I certify that Horizon is unable to comply with the "drop-off" requirement as set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 64.1120. Specifically, due to technical limitations to the type of service available to Horizon's marketing companies through their local exchange carriers, Horizon's marketing representatives are unable to "drop-off" a call after a three-way conference call is initiated. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury, the foregoing statements are true and correct. Executed on Aug. 20, 2003.

*Deborah Secrest*

Deborah Secrest  
President, Horizon Telecom, Inc.