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In re: Docket No. ~~931074-1P~~ Phase II
(Switched Access)

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find the original and 15 copies of the direct testimony of John Carroll on behalf of Northeast Florida Telephone Company, also representing the position of Quincy Telephone Company.

Copies have been forwarded to parties in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

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Sincerely,

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

- 1 Q. Please state your name, employer and address.
- 2 A. John Carroll. I am employed as Director of
- 3 Revenue Requirements and Regulatory Affairs for
- 4 Northeast Florida Telephone Company, 130 N. Fourth
- 5 Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063-0485.
- 6 Q. What experience have you had in the
- 7 telecommunications industry?
- 8 A. During the Past 37 years I have been employed by
- 9 the Public Service Commission, the Office of the
- 10 Public Counsel, City Gas Company of Florida,
- 11 General Telephone Company of Florida, and
- 12 Northeast Florida Telephone Company, and I have
- 13 handled many matters for LECs as a consultant. I
- 14 have previously testified before the Commission on
- 15 numerous occasions.
- 16 Q. On whose behalf are you presenting testimony?
- 17 A. I am presenting testimony on behalf of my company,
- 18 Northeast Florida Telephone Company. I am also
- 19 here to represent the position of Quincy Telephone
- 20 Company. Both of the companies have similarities
- 21 that permit combining testimony to avoid
- 22 repetition. Nevertheless, in the event that
- 23 individual company facts are needed, information
- 24 could also be furnished by Quincy Telephone
- 25 Company.
- 26 Q. In what way are the two companies on whose behalf

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1 you are testifying similar?

2 A. Both of the companies have fewer than 12,000
3 access lines and have annual gross revenues of
4 less than \$10,000,000. Both of the companies
5 serve rural areas without concentra- tions of
6 subscribers that would be likely to attract
7 competitive access providers, even though there is
8 always the potential for a single high usage
9 subscriber in any area.

10 Q. What are some of the similarities and differences
11 between those companies you represent and the Tier
12 1 LECs which are subject to the FCC's order on
13 expanded interconnection?

14 A. There is, of course, an enormous difference in
15 size, since the Tier 1 companies have annual
16 revenues in excess of \$100,000,000 per year.
17 There is, consequently a great disparity in the
18 quantity of service provided, even though the
19 smaller companies believe that they provide a
20 similar quality of service. Small, rural LECs can
21 provide current technology but generally do not
22 find themselves in a highly competitive
23 environment. For example, even though the small,
24 rural LECs have long been equal access capable,
25 some have only recently received a request for
26 equal access.

1 Q. Do you have a position on the issues which were
2 established for this docket?

3 A. I intend to take a position on issues in the
4 prehearing statement, and I adopt those positions
5 as if they were specifically set forth in this
6 testimony, including the basic position that it
7 would be contrary to the public interest to impose
8 a requirement on small, rural LECs to permit
9 physical collocation under the same circumstances
10 imposed on LECs with vastly greater annual
11 revenues, urban service areas and immediate
12 competitive pressures.

13 Q. Do you see any problems that might arise if the
14 non-Tier 1 LECs are required to provide expanded
15 interconnection for intrastate switched access?

16 A. Yes. Different approaches in the interstate and
17 intrastate jurisdictions could create policing
18 problems and increase administrative burdens.
19 Also, it is our opinion that the non-Tier 1 LECs
20 should be treated with regard to switched access
21 interconnection in the same manner as in the
22 special access expanded interconnection docket
23 (Docket No. 921074-TP, Order No. PSC-94-0285-FOF-
24 TP, page 33). The pertinent provision is as
25 follows:

26 ORDERED that if a non-Tier 1 LEC

1 receives a bona fide request for
2 expanded interconnection and the terms
3 and conditions cannot be negotiated by
4 the parties, we shall review such a
5 request on a case-by-case basis. If the
6 parties agree on expanded
7 interconnection, the terms and
8 conditions shall be set by individual
9 negotiation.

10 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

11 A. Yes.

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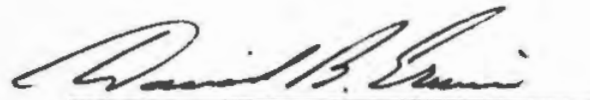
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