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Re: Quincy Telephone Company - Request for Approval of
Remaining Life Rates

Dear Mr. Devlin:

Quincy Telephone Company respectfully requests the Commission to approve the proposed remaining life rates as detailed on the enclosed schedules which are based upon management's evaluation of the Company's existing and proposed network. This filing completely replaces the previous filing made on July 1, 1996, and the Company requests that the schedules become effective on July 1, 1996.

Quincy Telephone Company (hereafter referred to as the "Company") is located 22 miles west of Tallahassee, Florida. The Company serves approximately 13,000 access lines through four exchanges. The Quincy, Greensboro and Gretna exchanges are in Florida. The Attapulcus exchange is located in Georgia.

The Company is bordered by Sprint-Centel, Southern Bell and St. Joseph Telephone companies. Sprint-Centel has installed a metropolitan area Fiber Distribution ring, primarily serving the state government of Florida, Florida State University and Florida A&M University. This is significant since the technology deployed and services offered by the Company are often compared with those offered by the larger neighboring companies.

The management of the Company believes that it must be able to deploy the latest technology in order to survive in the dynamic telecommunications industry. This is evidenced by the

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Company's purchase and installation of AT&T's 5ESS switches in all four of its exchanges. The Company also believes it is crucial to deploy fiber throughout its network to improve quality, increase capacity, and provide new products and services to our customers. It is imperative that the Company be allowed to fully recover its existing and future capital investments in a timely manner in order to implement its planned capital additions projects.

The Company proposes the following exception to the prior depreciation study:

Aerial Cable-Metallic: The Company proposes a change in the Iowa curve from R1 to S1.5. This change is requested due to the substantial amount of retirements expected in aerial cable and the forecasted phaseout of the embedded investment by the year 2016. The Company's proposed remaining life will remain in the allowable range approved by the Commission.

Buried Cable Metallic: The Company proposes a change in the Iowa curve from an S0 to an S1.5. This change is requested due to the substantial amount of retirements expected in buried cable and the forecasted phaseout of the embedded investment by the year 2017. The Company's proposed remaining life will remain in the allowable range approved by the Commission.

Sincerely,



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