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Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 960794-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-references docket are the original and 15 copies of Quincy Telephone Company and the Citizens of the State of Florida's Joint Motion to Accept Settlement and Close Docket in the above-referenced docket.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck
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Deputy Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for Approval of)
Remaining Life Rate by Quincy)
Telephone Company.)
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Docket No. 960794-TL

Filed: April 15, 1997

JOINT MOTION TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLOSE DOCKET

Quincy Telephone Company ("Quincy") and the Citizens of the State of Florida ("Citizens") jointly move the Commission to accept the settlement agreement between Quincy and the Citizens and to close this docket.

1. On July 1, 1996, Quincy filed a request with the Florida Public Service Commission seeking authorization to change its depreciation rates. The Florida Public Service Commission issued a proposed agency action order ("order") on January 31, 1997, approving new depreciation rates for Quincy.

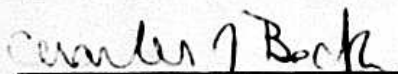
2. On February 19, 1997, the Citizens filed a protest of the proposed agency action order and requested the Commission to hold an evidentiary hearing pursuant to section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on Quincy's request to change its depreciation rates.

3. The parties have entered into a settlement agreement, a copy of which is

attached to this motion as attachment 1. By this agreement, the Citizens agreed to withdraw their protest of proposed agency action and petition for a section 120.57(1) hearing on the condition that the Florida Public Service Commission accept the agreement. Quincy agreed that the Citizens may litigate or otherwise contest the appropriateness of any or all of the depreciation rates contained in the proposed agency action order at any time that Quincy seeks rates based in whole or in part on those depreciation rates.

4. The parties believe that the agreement is in the public interest and should be approved by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Quincy and the Citizens jointly move the Commission to accept the settlement agreement between Quincy and the Citizens and to close this docket.



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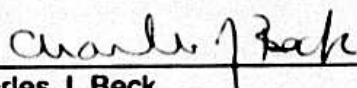
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail or *hand delivery to the following party representatives on this 15th day of April, 1997.

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