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In re: Quincy Telephone Company - Request for Waiver - Docket No. 970744-TP-Order
No. PSC-97-1262-FOF-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Commission Order PSC-97-1262-FOF-TL requires each Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to make toll limitation services available to customers on a voluntary basis and at no charge. If any ETC is unable to provide toll limitation services now, the order allows such an ETC to file implementation plans and a request for waiver by October 23, 1997.

Quincy Telephone Company (Quincy) is prepared to offer toll blocking at this time. However, Quincy believes that virtually no LEC in the nation is capable of providing toll limitation service as the FCC has defined it. The toll limitation services requirement was apparently added by the FCC at the final stage of the federal rulemaking without much, if any, comment by LECs. Quincy believes that this misunderstanding regarding rational expectations of LEC capabilities has now been explained to FCC staff, and the issue could be reevaluated by the FCC.

Please accept this letter on behalf of Quincy as a Request for Waiver of the requirement of Quincy to provide toll limitation services.

Quincy is unable to provide an implementation plan for toll limitation services until Quincy can accomplish the following:

1. Determine the feasibility and technical capabilities of Quincy's switch with regard to the installation of toll limitation services. Such toll limitation services would require real-time

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capability to record and rate every call instantaneously as the caller attempts to make a toll call. The ability to provide this service would also require the capability of differentiating between toll calls and other types of calls.

2. Determine the availability of and timing for receipt of reimbursement of costs for the incremental cost of switch upgrading and the cost of the incremental cost study.

As soon as implementation plans for switch upgrading to provide toll limitation services have been formulated, Quincy will notify the Commission, provided that the FCC does not reconsider the requirement before then.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David B. Erwin".

David B. Erwin

DBE/kdr
cc: Ann Marsh
Tom McCabe