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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Subject: Ex Parte Discussion re Case No. 99-1496-TP-UNC

Dear Ms. Crockron:

On February 7, 2000, I met with Commissioner Craig A. Glazer to discuss CBT's and CBLD's (Joint Petitioners') petition that seeks a waiver of the Commission's "845" Local Competition Guidelines (Case No. 95-845-TP-COI). This petition was filed on November 17, 1999 and an Entry was issued on January 11, 2000 directing interested parties to submit initial comments on January 27, 2000 and Reply comments on February 7, 2000.

The meeting included a discussion of background for the petition, why the petition was filed, a brief description of each of the waivers sought by the Joint Petitioners and the rationale supporting the need for the waivers. The three waivers would allow CBT to operate as a NEC throughout Ohio without the need to do so through a separate subsidiary, would allow CBLD to provide services in CBT operating area and would eliminate for both CBT and CBLD the requirement to provide service within a 24 month period.

We also discussed the issues presented by the waivers if and when a future rate proceeding was held before the Commission.

Very truly yours,

Eugene J. Baldrate
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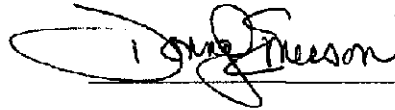
cc: Craig A. Glazer

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