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Ameritech, Consumer Groups Reach Agreement on Alternative Telephone Regulations

September 20, 1994. Ameritech and Ohio consumer groups have announced a historic agreement regarding new telephone regulations that will speed development of advanced communications in Ohio, reduce the price of local telephone service for homes and businesses, provide financial and technical assistance and construct a distance learning network for Ohio schools. Under the terms of the agreement, barriers to competition are removed and Ameritech is provided regulatory flexibility to participate in a more competitive marketplace for communications services.

The agreement, Advantage Ohio, has been signed by the Ohio Office of the Consumers Council (OCC), the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), the cities of Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo, the Ohio Department of Education, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Legal Aid Societies of Cleveland and Dayton. The agreement has been filed with the PUCO which still must approve its terms.

Major provisions of the agreement are as follows:

- **Unprecedented home rate reductions . . .** Basic home telephone prices will be reduced by more than 16 percent over six years, through a \$1 per month decrease in local usage charges and elimination of the current \$1.80 charge for residential touch tone service.
- **Prices frozen until 2001 . . .** Basic residential service prices including local access and usage charges, 9-1-1 services, unlisted number services, call trace and other blocking service prices will not be increased for six years.
- **School Learning Network . . .** A Two-way interactive broadband learning network will be available to all state chartered public and private high schools (including vocational, technical schools), colleges and universities in Ameritech service areas within five years.
- **\$18 million for school technology . . .** Grants to primary and secondary schools for use in applying communications technology for distance learning purposes will be funded over six years.
- **Additional 10% discount for primary and secondary schools . . .** Rates on all Ameritech telecommunications services will be reduced an additional 10%.
- **\$2.2 million for community computer centers . . .** This investment will establish community computer centers in low-income neighborhoods within Ameritech's service areas.
- **Expanded Life Line plan . . .** The new plan will include low income seniors, general assistance and Medicaid recipients. The reduction will be \$8, or a 43% discount on basic flat rate service and include free touch tone. This rate will be frozen until at least year 2001. The new plan would benefit over 200,000 Ohio households.
- **Historic investment commitment . . .** Unprecedented commitments are included for the installation of additional fiber optic technologies and digital networks using the latest signaling capabilities. Rural deployment of technologies is assured.
- **Remove barriers for local telephone competition . . .** Environment created for competitors to enter local telephone business.
- **Competitive prices for competitive services . . .** Prices will be held within limits imposed by a price cap plan. This agreement will focus on the rates charged and not on earnings.
- **Hospitals, libraries, county jails, and court buildings gain access to info highway . . .** High capacity communications links will be available to all hospitals, libraries, county jails and state, county and federal court buildings in Ameritech's area within five years.
- **Reductions for business customers . . .** Reductions will be determined by several factors including the cost of providing service in different geographic areas and the elimination of touch tone charges that will be partially offset by a line charge increase. Prices for business lines in urban area will fall by as much as \$4.50 per month.
- **Economic development incentives . . .** \$3 million is designated to be used for attracting and retaining business growth in Ohio.