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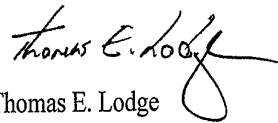
Re: In the Matter of the Commission Ordered Investigation of the Existing
Local Exchange Competition Guidelines, PUCO Case No. 99-998-TP-COI
In the Matter of the Commission Review of The Regulatory Framework
for Competitive Telecommunication Services under Chapter 4927,
Revised Code, Case No. 99-563-TP-COI

Dear Ms. Crockron:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of a Memorandum of The Ohio
Telecommunications Industry Association in Opposition to OCC's Motion for Extension of
Time, to be filed in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,


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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Revised Code)


MEMORANDUM OF THE OHIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION IN OPPOSITION TO OCC'S MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Ohio Telecommunications Industry Association ("OTIA"), opposes the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel on August 31, 2000. Given the importance of the issues in this proceeding, as well as the daily pressures faced by the Commission and the industry to foster competition, the 30-day extension requested by OCC's Motion appears unwarranted. OCC's requested extension of time should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

THE OHIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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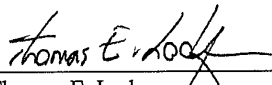

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon all parties listed on the attached list, by ordinary U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 7th day of September, 2000.



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