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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Daniel S. German,		PUCO
	Complainant,)
v.) Case No. 04-242-TP-CSS
SBC Ohio,)
	Respondent.)

MOTION OF SBC TO ACCEPT LATE FILED ANSWER

SBC Ohio¹ moves the Commission to accept its late-filed answer to the captioned complaint. Through inadvertence, the undersigned counsel calendared 30 days from the service date of the complaint as the answer date, rather than the 20 days provided for in the Commission's rules. Ohio Admin. Code § 4901-9-01(A). When alerted by the Attorney Examiner today, the answer was prepared and filed immediately, two days after the actual due date. No party would be prejudiced by the acceptance of the late-filed answer tendered herewith. After the filing of the complaint, settlement discussions have again commenced and are on-going in this case.

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¹ SBC Ohio is a registered trade name of The Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion of SBC Ohio has been served on the following party by depositing it in the U. S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 18th day of March, 2004.

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