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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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RE: Case Number 98-899-TP-ALT


This is in support of Cincinnati Bell Telephone's application for a new alternative regulation plan. I was unable to attend the local public hearings on January 7-8, but want to provide comments for the record.

As Executive Secretary of the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, one of my responsibilities is to look out for the interests of the union employees of Cincinnati Bell Telephone.

It is my understanding that the PUCO Staff has recommended that Cincinnati Bell Telephone be required to lose 20% of market share before being given flexibility to adjust rates. This requirement would have a detrimental effect on the future livelihood of Cincinnati Bell Telephone employees, and should be rejected.

Please allow Cincinnati Bell Telephone the flexibility to compete with other providers of local telecommunications services as requested, and to continue to serve the Greater Cincinnati community as effectively in the future as it has in the past.

Sincerely,


V. Daniel Radford
Executive Secretary Treasurer

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