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ACCESS CHARGES)	

INTERIM PROPOSAL OF THE
OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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INTRODUCTION

By virtue of its Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 83-1145, released October 19, 1983, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has suspended interstate access charges and interexchange tariffs filed pursuant to the FCC's Order in CC Docket 78-72 by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) and local telephone companies for services to customers and carriers. The FCC's Order delays the scheduled effective date of these tariffs from January 1, 1984 to April 3, 1984 and initiates a two phased investigation of these filings. The FCC does, however, indicate that if its investigation is completed prior to April 3, 1984 it would consider terminating the suspension at an earlier date.

In order to determine what impact the FCC's recent order has on this proceeding, the Hearing Examiner on October 21, 1983 invited the parties to file written comments or proposals as to the procedures to be followed in the interim in this proceeding. Such comments or proposals were to be filed with the Commission not later than October 28, 1983. Ohio Bell made a proposal as to the interim procedures it believes should be implemented in this proceeding (Tr. Vol. XVII, pp. 3-4), which it here reaffirms. The parties were specifically invited to comment upon the Ohio Bell proposal.

OHIO BELL'S PROPOSAL

In light of the pending divestiture of Ohio Bell from AT&T and the transfer of Ohio Bell's interLATA transmission facilities, effective January 1, 1984, pursuant to the Modified Final Judgment, Ohio Bell believes that for the interim period between divestiture and the implementation of access charge tariffs that the status quo should be maintained: present MTS/WATS rates would not be changed and private line rates as approved by the Commission in Case No. 83-300-TP-AIR would go into effect.

For the interim period, Ohio Bell would continue to settle with independent telephone companies and Cincinnati Bell for toll, WATS and private line services under contracts on the same basis as is currently in effect among the parties. In other words, existing relationships would be maintained. Ohio Bell would then settle with AT&T.

Should Interexchange Carriers (ICs), other than AT&T, desire to provide intrastate services during this interim period, Ohio Bell would propose that it provide facilities to the ICs pursuant to ENFIA-like tariffs. These intrastate tariffs would simply mirror the current interstate ENFIA tariffs and contain the same rates and charges for intrastate services as currently exist for interstate services.

Ohio Bell further proposes that services to Radio Common Carriers (RCCs) be provided under contract at the same rates and charges as currently exist. The existing contracts with the RCCs, now due to terminate upon divestiture, would have to be extended until such time as access charge tariffs become effective.

CONCLUSION

Ohio Bell made its proposal and stands ready to provide whatever additional assistance or information the Commission may require in connection with this most important subject. The Company would also like to reserve the right to modify or change its proposals, if necessary, as additional information becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

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