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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Petition )  
of Numerous Subscribers of )  
the Salem Exchange of )  
Ameritech Ohio )

Complainants )

vs. )

Ameritech Ohio and Sprint )

Respondents )

Case No. 96-743-TP-PEX

Memorandum of Ameritech Ohio  
in Response to Motion of Complainants

A few days ago Complainants filed a motion asking the Commission to dismiss the Sebring 938 exchange from this extended area service (EAS) case. Ameritech Ohio has no objection to dismissal of all or a portion of the case if that is the result Complainants seek. For the record, though, the Company wants to make it clear that Complainants' criticism of its approach to the school issue is a complete surprise. Complainants' spokesperson has not been in contact with Ameritech Ohio concerning anything involved with this petition for many months. During that time, however, Ameritech Ohio has been available to discuss any and all issues involved with the case.<sup>1</sup> Frankly, because of the silence from Complainants, it appeared to the Company that they had lost

<sup>1</sup> Ameritech Ohio remains more than willing to fully discuss the schools or any other issue with Complainants.

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interest.

Ameritech Ohio has not promised or inferred, though, that an 800 number could be established between Salem and Sebring for school calling purposes because the Salem-Sebring route is inter-LATA. Therefore, the existing requirements of federal as well as state law apply and seriously complicate the matter.

Finally, one additional motion remains pending. In March of last year the Company filed a motion asking the Commission for an order deferring consideration of the Salem to North Benton portion of this petition pending resolution of the same issues in pending Case No. 96-742-TP-PEX. That EAS case has been heard and is awaiting decision. A Sprint pilot has also been put in place from North Benton to Salem which provides relief for the North Benton subscribers. Ameritech Ohio requests that the Commission take these facts into account as well when ruling on Complainants' request for dismissal.

Respectfully submitted

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served upon the Spokesperson for Complainants, Ms. Tammie Vuletich, 15419 W. Reserve Road, Berlin Center, Ohio 44401 and upon counsel for Sprint, Joseph R. Stewart, Esq., 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 3600, Columbus, Ohio 43215 by depositing those copies in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 19 day of March, 1999.

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