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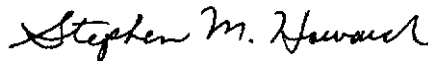
Re: Case Number 99-941-TP-UNC

Dear Mr. Vigorito:

On behalf of Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. which has been a participant in the above case, I am writing you to notify you that Buckeye will no longer be an active participant in this case. Although Buckeye is vitally interested in the issues that will be decided in this case, it has opted not to bear the future time and expense of litigating this case. Buckeye will not be participating in the March 28 mediation session nor will it be sponsoring or co-sponsoring any testimony at the May 16 hearing.

Please leave Buckeye on the service list as a party for purposes of receiving entries and orders. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen M. Howard  
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