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**Re: The Nova Telephone Company
1+intraLATA Presubscription Cost Recovery
Case No. 96-1314-TP-ATA**


Dear Ms. Crockron:

Enclosed for filing is an original and ten (10) copies of The Nova Telephone Company's request for waiver of the deadline for filing its proposed 1+intraLATA incremental cost recovery minutes of use rate.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,


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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of)
the Application The Nova Telephone) CASE NO. 96-1314-TP-ATA
Company to Add IntraLATA Presubscription)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER

The Nova Telephone Company (the "Company") hereby requests a temporary waiver of the requirement that it file its proposed 1+intraLATA incremental cost recovery minutes of use ("MOU") rate by August 24, 1998, because the Company does not have the necessary minutes of use data to calculate its MOU rate. The Company further requests that this waiver extend through September 25, 1998. Support for this request may be found in the memorandum which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Respected submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Pursuant to the Commission's June 5, 1997 finding and order in this case, the Company was to file its MOU rate for 1+intraLATA presubscription incremental cost recovery by August 24, 1998. The Nova Telephone Company initiated this case on December 9, 1996 to comply with the Commission's November 7, 1996 Entry on Rehearing in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI regarding intraLATA dialing parity. The Company provides local exchange service to approximately 1,100 access lines. The Company implemented 1+intraLATA equal access on August 8, 1997. For the reasons set forth below, however, the Company requests a temporary waiver of the Commission's August 24, 1998 deadline for filing its MOU rate.

The Company believed that its intraLATA presubscribed minutes of use were being tracked over the twelve (12) months since it implemented 1+intraLATA equal access. Upon reviewing its records in preparation for filing its MOU rate, however, the Company discovered that the necessary data had not been tracked. The Company has been in communication with its billing vendor about obtaining the information, but to date the vendor has not been able to produce the necessary information. The Company is therefore requesting until September 25, 1998 to determine its actual minutes of use or to adopt an appropriate proxy for its minutes of use. The Company asserts that this request for waiver is reasonable and that no party will be prejudiced thereby.

Based on the foregoing, the Nova Telephone Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant it a temporary waiver of the requirement that it file its MOU rate by August 24, 1998. The Company further requests that such waiver extend through September 25, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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