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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Petition )  
of Kathy Estep and Numerous Other )  
Subscribers of the Enon Exchange of )  
Ameritech Ohio, )

Case No. 00-1075-TP-PEX

Complainants )

v. )

Ameritech Ohio, )

Respondent )

Relative to a Request for Extended )  
Area Service between the Enon )  
Exchange and the Medway and New )  
Carlise Exchanges of Ameritech Ohio )

In the Matter of the Petition of )  
Doris Ferguson and Numerous Other )  
Subscribers of the Medway Exchange )  
of Ameritech Ohio, )

Case No. 00-1236-TP-PEX

Complainants )

v. )

Ameritech Ohio, )

Respondent )

Relative to a Request for Extended )  
Area Service Between the Medway and )  
Enon Exchanges of Ameritech Ohio )

Motion of Ameritech Ohio for Case Consolidation

Ameritech Ohio ("Ameritech"), the sole Respondent in each of these extended area service ("EAS") cases, seeks an order from this Commission consolidating them for the reasons set forth in the attached Memorandum.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Memorandum in Support of Motion for Case Consolidation

On June 15, 2000 Kathy Estep, Spokesperson, filed her petition seeking EAS from Ameritech's Enon exchange to its Medway and New Carlisle exchanges (Case No. 00-1075-TP-PEX). Attorney Examiner Fullin issued an Entry on September 14 requiring Ameritech to file its Answer by October 13, 2000, its calling data by November 10, 2000 and its cost information by December 11, 2000.

On July 7, 2000 Doris Ferguson, Spokesperson, filed a petition seeking EAS from Ameritech's Medway exchange to its Enon exchange (Case No. 00-1236-TP-PEX). Attorney Examiner Farkas issued an Entry on August 7, 2000 requiring Ameritech to file its Answer by September 8, 2000, and its calling and cost data on or before October 9, 2000. Ameritech filed its Answer on September 8, 2000.

The Entry issued in each of these two cases orders a settlement conference. No settlement conference date has been set, though, in either case.

The relief sought by the two petitions is the same, i.e., EAS between Medway and Enon. The only difference between the two is that Ms. Estep's petition also requests EAS from Medway to New Carlisle. The same Medway-Enon calling and cost data will be applicable to both cases. No purpose would be served by filing it twice, though.

Moreover, it appears wasteful to convene separate settlement conferences. The interests of both petitioners appear similar if not identical. The same kind of community of interest testimony will no doubt be produced in both cases and, therefore, the community of interest between Medway and Enon on a two-way basis

could be efficiently discussed at one settlement conference. New Carlisle could also be discussed at that conference as it relates to Medway.

Ameritech requests, therefore, that Ms. Estep's and Ms. Ferguson's EAS petitions be consolidated for purposes of case administration. In accordance therewith Ameritech requests that it be relieved of the need to file Medway-Enon data separately in Case No. 00-1075 because the same data will have been filed for Case No. 00-1236. Ameritech also requests that a consolidated settlement conference and hearing, if a hearing is commenced, be established at a date and time convenient to both Spokespersons and to Ameritech. Ameritech has no objection to a telephonic conference if that procedure is more convenient for the Spokespersons.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served upon Kathy Estep, Spokesperson for the Enon exchange subscribers, 1220 Meadowlark Drive, Enon, Ohio 45323-9731 and upon Doris Ferguson, Spokesperson for the Medway exchange subscribers, 51 Oaklawn Avenue, Medway, Ohio 45341, by depositing those copies in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000.

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