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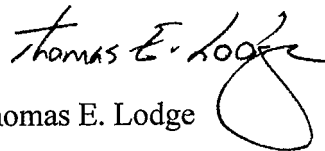
Re: In the Matter of the Telephone Service Company's Application to
Abandon its TSC Regional Service, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Dear Ms. Crockron:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of an Application of Telephone Service Company to Abandon TSC Regional Service and Request for Related Waivers, to be filed in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,



Thomas E. Lodge

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cc: Lori Sternisha, Analyst Coordinator
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Enclosures

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of Telephone Service Company's)
Application to Abandon its TSC Regional)
Service.)

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Case No. 00-307-TP-ABN

**APPLICATION OF
TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY TO ABANDON
TSC REGIONAL SERVICE AND REQUEST FOR RELATED WAIVERS**

Pursuant to R.C. § 4905.21, Telephone Service Company hereby applies to abandon its intrastate intraLATA service offering, "TSC Regional Service," hereby proposes to transition customers as hereinafter described, and hereby requests waiver of any Commission requirements that are inconsistent with its proposal for customer transition.

1. Telephone Service Company currently offers an intrastate intraLATA toll offering known as "TSC Regional Service" for calls within the Toledo LATA. Telephone Service Company's affiliate, TSC Communications, offers a competing product known as "TSC Long Distance." Currently, the two services are redundant, compete with one another, and require the additional expense of maintaining dual intraLATA toll billing systems.

2. Telephone Service Company submits that the existence of both services causes customer confusion, because some of its customers are receiving TSC toll statements from the two affiliates on their monthly bills. Furthermore, the TSC Long Distance product has proven to be the more popular service due to its simplified rate plan. Accordingly, Telephone Service Company requests authority to abandon "TSC Regional Service."

3. Telephone Service Company implemented intraLATA dialing parity several years ago. Upon discontinuation of "TSC Regional Service," "TSC Regional

Service” customers will have fourteen interexchange carriers from which to select their intrastate intraLATA service. Those carriers are identified on Appendix A hereto.

4. Telephone Service Company proposes notification and carrier change procedures (“TSC Intrastate Procedures”) as follows: upon approval of this Application and Request for Waivers, Telephone Service Company will notify its customers, by letter, that (a) they may choose another carrier by calling the Telephone Service Company and selecting their preference by a designated date, and (b) after that date, Telephone Service Company will assign remaining unassigned customers to TSC Long Distance. A copy of the form letter describing TSC Intrastate Procedures is attached hereto as Appendix B.

5. Telephone Service Company notes that pursuant to 47 CFR §64.1150(e), it and its affiliate TSC Communications may submit preferred carrier change orders pursuant to a “State-enacted verification procedure applicable to intrastate preferred carrier change orders only.” The TSC Intrastate Procedures apply exclusively to intrastate intraLATA service. Accordingly, upon approval of this Application and Request for Waiver, Telephone Service Company submits that the TSC Intrastate Procedures will meet the requirements of 47 CFR §64.1150.

6. If and to the extent that the TSC Intrastate Procedures conflict with any current rules, regulations or guidelines of the Commission, including but not limited to Section X of the Guidelines adopted in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI, Telephone Service Company requests waiver of the same. Telephone Service Company submits that the TSC Intrastate Procedures, together with the multiple options available to customers of “TSC Regional Service,” offer adequate substitute for any current and conflicting procedures.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, and in the interest of reducing both customer confusion and operating expense, Telephone Service Company respectfully requests its Application to Abandon TSC Regional Service and Request for Related Service be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY

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APPENDIX A

AT&T

BNI Telecom

Cincinnati Bell

COI Long Distance

Eclipse Telecommunications

LCI International

LDMI Long Distances

MCI

McLeod USA

One Call Communications

Phone Co.

Sprint

Telecom USA

Telephone Service Company (TSC Long Distance)

WorldCom

Date

Name

Address

Address2

City, State Zip

Dear Customer:

Telephone Service Company will be changing our IntraLATA rates and name of this service effective on your (date) statement. This change will affect your local toll calls only. These are the calls that appear under *TSC "Regional" Long Distance* on your statement.

The rates will be changed to a flat \$.15 per minute anytime, anywhere within your local toll area. In many cases this is a cost reduction of over 50%. In some cases, depending on your calling pattern, you may experience a slight increase. The overall result of this change is beneficial to the majority of our customers. The name of the service will also be changed from TSC "Regional" Long Distance to TSC Long Distance. We will continue to provide you with the same quality service you have been accustomed to. However, you may choose another local toll carrier by calling our business office at 739-2200, otherwise this change will automatically take effect if we do not hear from you by (date).

If you have any questions concerning this change, please call our business office at 739-2200.

Sincerely,

Telephone Service Company