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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application ) of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company ) for Approval of an Alternative ) Form of Regulation.

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In the Matter of the Complaint of the Office of the Consumers' Counsel,

Complainant,

vs.

Case No. 93-576-TP-CSS

Case No. 93-487-TP-ALT

Ohio Bell Telephone Company,

Respondent,

Relative to the Alleged Unjust ) and Unreasonable Rates and Charges.)

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

### TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

Pursuant to the Attorney Examiner's directive (see
Transcript Vol. XXVII at pp. 169-171), the Office of the
Consumers' Counsel (OCC) hereby provides notice that it will be
filing testimony to rebut the following witnesses in these
consolidated cases. This testimony is filed in response to
issues and assertions as to which OCC had no prior opportunity
to respond. Such issues and assertions arise from events in
these cases subsequent to May 5, 1994, the last date for
submission of prefiled direct testimony. Entry (April 15,
1994).

# A. Kathy L. Hagans

On February 7, 1994, OCC witness Kathy Hagans filed direct testimony in Case No. 93-576-TP-CSS. This testimony (OCC Ex. 7) dealt with disallowance of Ameritech Ohio's Bellcore expenses, an issue not contemplated in Ameritech Ohio's ALT application. Ms. Hagans filed direct testimony in Case No. 93-487-TP-ALT on May 5, 1994, in response to the Staff Report's failure to address the Bellcore expense issue. The May 5 testimony (OCC Ex. 8) also incorporated and supplemented her February 7 testimony for the ALT docket. Ameritech witness Richard R. Galloway filed testimony (Co. Ex. 36R.0) on June 14 and took the stand on June 29, 1994, for the sole purpose of rebutting the testimony of Ms. Hagans.

OCC now intends to recall Ms. Hagans to respond to Mr. Galloway's position on Ameritech Ohio's Bellcore expenses. The sequence of the presentation of testimony and the order of witnesses prevented OCC from preparing and presenting this testimony until after cross examination of Mr. Galloway. OCC will be prejudiced unless given the opportunity to place evidence in the record to contradict Mr. Galloway's position.

#### B. F. Ross Pultz

Mr. Pultz will be presenting testimony to rebut the prefiled rate of return testimony of Ameritech Ohio witness Dr. Roger Ibbotson and Staff witness Mr. Steven R. Chaney. On February 7, 1994, Mr. Pultz filed testimony in the CSS on rate of return, a subject avoided in Ameritech Ohio's application.

Dr. Ibbotson's testimony was filed May 5, and contains many issues not raised by the Staff Report, including: time period for assessment of risk premiums; the two stage DCF; the quarterly-divided-payout adjustment to the DCF; and application of issuance expense. Dr. Ibbotson also specifically criticized aspects of Mr. Pultz' previously-filed testimony in the CSS case. OCC has had no opportunity to respond to these issues raised by Dr. Ibbotson.

Mr. Chaney's testimony was not filed until August 3. He took the stand on August 9. In many respects, his testimony supplemented and clarified the Staff's rate of return position as expressed in the Staff Report. As to any supplementation, OCC has not had any reply opportunity; neither has OCC had an adequate opportunity to reply to matters Mr. Chaney has explained for the first time.

The specific issues raised by Mr. Chaney's testimony (and not by the Staff Report) which Mr. Pultz' rebuttal testimony addresses include, among others, the use of 20 year bonds and Ameritech's beta in the CAPM, new (second) specification of comparable group of companies, and updated explanation for failure to use Ameritech-specific analysis. OCC will be prejudiced unless given the opportunity to place affirmative evidence into the record to rebut the positions taken by Dr. Ibbotson and Mr. Chaney.

# C. Trevor M. Roycroft, Ph.D

Dr. Roycroft, who received his doctorate in Economics from the University of California, Davis, will present rebuttal testimony on various revenue distribution, costing, pricing and price cap issues. Dr. Roycroft was formerly Chief Economist for the Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor and is now on the faculty of the J. Warner McClure School of Communications System Management at Ohio University. Dr. Roycroft presented testimony on similar issues to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in the recent Ameritech Indiana alternative regulation proceeding.

Dr. Roycroft will rebut Staff witnesses whose testimony (none filed earlier than August 3) alters or supplements the discussion of particular issues in the Staff Report.

These issues include: Staff witness Allen Francis'
analysis of the reasonableness of the Company's LRSIC studies
and the recommendations derived from that analysis,
particularly regarding pricing of the residential network
access line and residential rates generally; Staff witness
Nadia Soliman's assessment of the adequacy of the Company's
Fully Distributed Cost Study and the usefulness of that study
in testing for cross-subsidies; Staff witness Daniel Shields'
amended formulation of a "General Adjustment Offset" and the
"LRSIC plus 10%" price floor; and Staff witness Scott Potter's
recommendation of proposed rewards (reflected in changes to the
consumer dividend) for lowering barriers to competition.

OCC will be prejudiced unless given the opportunity to place affirmative evidence into the record to rebut the positions taken by Ms. Soliman and Messrs. Francis, Shields, and Potter. (OCC would also note that Ms. Soliman and Mr. Francis explicitly deferred many issues to Mr. Roger Montgomery and Dr. Kerry Stroup, whose testimony was only recently filed. OCC therefore expects that Dr. Roycroft's testimony address positions to be taken by Staff witnesses Stroup and Montgomery.)

OCC submits that the rebuttal testimony to be presented by Ms. Hagans, Mr. Pultz and Dr. Roycroft is properly designated as rebuttal testimony, which OCC had no previous opportunity to present to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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