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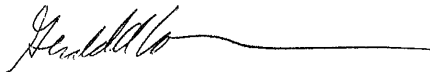
Ms. Daisy Crockron  
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**RE: Continental Telephone Company  
Case No. 96-1396-TP-ATA**

Dear Ms. Crockron:

Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of Continental Telephone Company's Statement in Support of the Request for Waiver - Implementation Date to be filed in the above-referenced case. Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,



Gerald A. Cooper

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**Continental Telephone Company**

**1+ Implementation Plan**

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**Statement In Support of the Request for Waiver - Implementation Date**

The Company has requested that the Implementation Date for 1+ IntraLATA Dialing Parity be changed from August 8, 1997 to November 1, 1997.

The primary reason for requesting this change in Implementation Dates is that the current Stromberg-Carlson switching platform will does not offer 2 PIC capabilities.

The Company has completed its engineering specifications and has on order a new Seimens EWSD switch that will allow for this service offering. The new switch was ordered on May 16, 1997 and will be cut into service on October 28, 1997.

The original plan for Continental was to upgrade the hardware and software platforms to allow for additional advanced calling features. However, with the Commission's order on 1+ Dialing Parity it was determined that the most economical alternative for the company and customers was to replace the old switching platform with the new platform. The Engineering process for the new switch was begun in mid-February 1997, with the order placed 5/16/97.

Because of the foregoing reasons, Continental Telephone Company requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio grant this waiver to extend the time frame for the 1+ Dialing Parity Implementation Date.