

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Joint Petition of the)
United Telephone Company of Ohio and)
Ameritech Ohio for Approval of an Agree-)
ment Dated December 11, 1995 and Effective)
January 21, 1996, Covering the Provision of) Case No. 96-148-TP-ACX
Two-Way Measured-Rate Extended Area)
Service Between the Orrville Exchange of)
United Telephone Company of Ohio and the)
Dalton Exchange of Ameritech Ohio.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner, pursuant to the authority granted by Rules 4901-1-13 and 4901-1-14, Ohio Administrative Code, finds:

- (1) On February 14, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4905.48, Revised Code, United Telephone Company of Ohio (United) and Ameritech Ohio (Ameritech) filed a joint petition for the provision of extended area service (EAS). The attached agreement provides, among other things, for the establishment of two-way, measured-rate EAS between the Orrville Exchange of United and the Dalton Exchange of Ameritech. The agreement was executed on December 11, 1995, and shows an effective date of January 21, 1996.
- (2) The Commission, however, by its Opinion and Order of June 29, 1995 issued in Case No. 93-1660-TP-PEX, ordered the establishment of two-way, flat-rate EAS, not two-way, measured-rate EAS. GTE brought this matter to the attention of the attorney examiner after the petition was filed.
- (3) On August 22, 1996, the Commission issued an entry directing the companies to file an amended agreement within 15 days of the entry for the provision of flat-rate EAS between the Dalton Exchange of Ameritech and the Orrville Exchange of United.
- (4) On September 6, 1996, the companies filed a joint motion to extend until October 31, 1996 the time within which to file an amended agreement. In support of their motion, the companies note that flat-rate service has already been implemented between the exchanges. Consequently, customers will not be affected by the lack of a properly executed written agreement.

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The companies point out that an agreement for flat-rate EAS is more complicated and time consuming than one for measured-rate EAS. Moreover, the companies contend that additional time is needed to work out the compensation issues, which have become more complicated as a result of the Commission's recently promulgated local competition rules. The companies also point out that in addition to the consideration of local rules and compensation there are issues relating to the Federal Communications Commission that must be studied and taken into account.

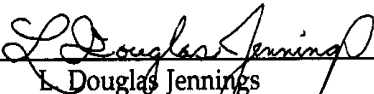
- (5) The motion to extend time appears to be reasonable, and since it appears that it will be without adverse effect upon any subscriber, it should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion to extend until October 31, 1996 the time within which to file an amended EAS agreement is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon United, Ameritech, their respective counsel, and all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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