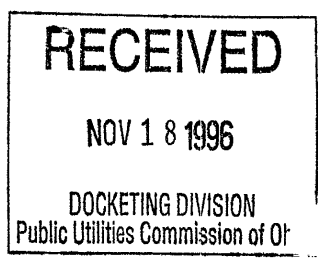


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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Petition of Jo Ross)
 and Numerous Other Subscribers of the New) Case No. 96-571-TP-PEX
 Waterford Exchange of Ameritech Ohio,)
)
 Complainants)
)
 v.)
)
 Ameritech Ohio and GTE North)
 Incorporated,)
)
 Respondents.)



ANSWER OF AMERITECH OHIO

Ameritech Ohio for its answer to the complaint filed herein states:


1. It is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
2. It provides telephone service to the New Waterford, Canfield, Columbiana, East Liverpool, East Palestine, Leetonia and Salem Exchanges.
3. The New Waterford, Canfield, Columbiana, East Liverpool, East Palestine, Leetonia and Salem Exchanges are in the Youngstown LATA.
4. The Hanoverton Exchange of GTE North Incorporated is associated with the Akron LATA.
5. It is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the other allegations and therefore denies all allegations not specifically admitted to be true.

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WHEREFORE, Respondent Ameritech Ohio requests that the
Complaint herein be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERITECH OHIO

By 
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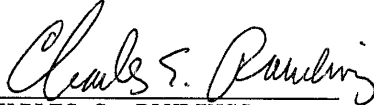
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Answer of Ameritech Ohio has been served upon the following parties by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 18 day of November, 1996:

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