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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Amendment of the)
Minimum Telephone Service Standards)
As Set Forth in Chapter 4901:1-5 of the)
Ohio Administrative Code)

Case No. 00-1265-TP-ORD
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AMERITECH OHIO'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Ameritech Ohio ("Ameritech"), by its attorneys, seeks a limited one-time waiver of Section 4905:1-5-06(B)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code ("MTSS Rule 6(B)(1)") to accommodate revised telephone directory publication schedules. This waiver is sought pursuant to Section 4905:1-5-02(B)(1) and (D) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

MTSS Rule 6(B)(1) provides in part that each local service provider shall ensure that each of its subscribers is annually provided a printed telephone directory. Ameritech Ohio interprets the word "annually" in this rule to mean that subscribers must be provided with a directory once in each calendar year. If this interpretation is not accepted, Ameritech Ohio respectfully requests a one-time waiver of this rule for directories covering four areas within Ohio. For these four areas, Ameritech Ohio and its directory publisher are changing the publication schedule for the directories. As a result, the new directories will not be provided within a 12-month period from the date the current directory was published and distributed. The Toledo directory, distributed in October 2001, will not be published again until November 2002. The Cleveland and Columbus directories will be published in June and August 2002, respectively, rather than May and

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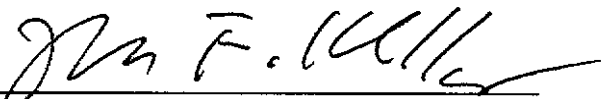
July of that year. Finally, the Lake and Geauga Counties directories will be published in September rather than August 2002. To the extent the publication dates for these areas' directories do not meet the requirements of MTSS Rule 6(B)(1), a waiver is respectfully requested.

Granting this waiver request will allow Ameritech Ohio and its directory publisher to level their workflow in an effort to provide better customer service and improve directory product quality. It will also allow both entities to spend additional time working with businesses and government customers on their white pages listings and captions to assure the accuracy of those listings and captions.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Ameritech Ohio requests that the Commission clarify the application of MTSS Rule 6(B)(1) as noted herein or, in the alternative, grant the requested waiver.

Respectfully submitted,

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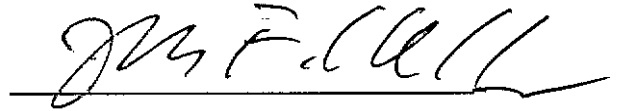
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