

97-254-TP-PEX

Gail Forest
9641 F Court
Windham, Ohio 44288

December 23, 1997

Re: Case No. 97-254-TP-PEX

Dear Madam,

I have received your recent submission of additional signatures in this case. The filing is now almost complete. All that remains to complete the petition is the submission of a statement from you stating the reasons why extended area service(EAS) is being requested(set forth in the March 28, 1997 and December 9, 1997 entry in this case) and a written clarification of the involved exchanges. This matter may then proceed to the next step in the Commission's procedural process.

This next step entails requesting by entry certain calling data from the telephone company providing service in the involved exchanges and scheduling the case for a prehearing conference(tentatively set for March 4, 1998). As noted above, before we can proceed with this entry, I would ask that you clarify in writing which telephone exchanges are being requested. When your petition was filed, the exchanges listed for EAS were: Windham(requesting exchange) to Niles, Warren, and Youngstown(requested exchanges). In a subsequent telephone conversation you indicated that the request for EAS was from the Windham Exchange to the Warren Exchange only. But, included with your second recent mailing of additional signatures, you indicate an amendment of your EAS request with the addition of the 372, 394, 399, and 898 exchanges. Please provide this clarification, along with your statement listing the reasons EAS is being requested, as soon as possible. It does make a difference in that different telephone companies may be asked to provide calling statistics.

Sincerely,
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