

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF DHIO DOCKETING DIVISION

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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James P. Woodman,
                          ) Case Nos. 96-492-TP-CSS, 96-493-TP-CSS,
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           Complainant
                          ) 96-497-TP-CSS,96-498-TP-CSS,96-499-TP-CSS,
                            96-500-TP-CSS, 96-501-TP-CSS, 96-502-TP-CSS,
     ν.
                            96-503-TP-CSS, 96-504-TP-CSS, 96-505-TP-CSS,
                          ) 96-506-TP-CSS,96-507-TP-CSS,96-508-TP-CSS,
Ameritech Ohio,
                          ) 96-509-TP-CSS,96-510-TP-CSS,96-511-TP-CSS,
                          ) 96-512-TP-CSS,96-513-TP-CSS,96-514-TP-CSS,
           Respondent.
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                          ) 96-751-TP-CSS,96-762-TP-CSS
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Woodman, as Trustees of
WeShare, Inc.,
                          ) Case Nos. 96-853-TP-CSS, 96-863-TP-CSS,
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                            96-905-TP-CSS,96-906-TP-CSS,96-907-TP-CSS,
     v.
                            96-908-TP-CSS, 96-909-TP-CSS
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MOTION TO DISMISS

Now comes Ameritech Ohio, Respondent in the abovecaptioned cases, and respectfully requests the issuance of an order by this Commission dismissing the complaints filed against

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it for failure to comply with an order of the Attorney Examiner.

A Memorandum in Support of this Motion is attached.

Respectfully submitted, AMERITECH OHIO

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By Entry dated September 6, 1996, the Complainants in the above-captioned cases were ordered to file, for each case, "a verified statement indicating whether and, if so, how they hold the requisite legal authority" to represent the parties on whose behalf they have filed complaints. The filings made by the Complainants on September 12 and 13, 1996 do not meet the

requirements of the Entry.

James Woodman's filing, entitled "Motion to Amend, Motion to Strike, & Motion to Rescind," attempts to circumvent the Hearing Examiner's Entry and the plain fact that these complaints have not been brought by the customers named in the complaint. Mr. Woodman now claims that he was not acting on behalf of anyone else when he filed the complaints. If that is true, then the complaints should be dismissed since none of the customers named in the complaint have brought these actions nor is anyone representing the named customers.

The WeShare Trustees' filing, entitled "Motions to Amend and Motion to Rescind," directly challenges and ignores the Hearing Examiner's Entry. The WeShare Trustees apparently believe that striking the words "on behalf" from the complaints magically cures those complaints. They are mistaken. Once again, the complaints have not been brought by the named customers, nor are those customers being properly represented by legal counsel. In fact, Ameritech Ohio does not believe that many of the customers even know about the complaints. Several customers have demanded that Mr. Woodman and the WeShare Trustees stop trying to represent them. For example, see attached letters filed with the Commission in Case Nos. 96-904-TP-CSS and 96-907-TP-CSS. Yet, Mr. Woodman and the WeShare Trustees persist in attempting to pursue these claims.

Neither Mr. Woodman nor the WeShare Trustees have complied with the Hearing Examiner's Entry ordering them to file

verified statements. Therefore, Respondent requests that these cases be dismissed.

> Respectfully submitted, AMERITECH OHIO

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss and

Memorandum in Support has been served upon James P. Woodman, 1675

Woodward Avenue #1, Lakewood, OH 44107 and Thomas Warholic, Carl

N. Woodman and Robert P. Woodman, 3202 Lorain Avenue, P.O. Box

94990, Cleveland, OH 44101-4990 by regular U.S. mail, postage

prepaid, this 1944 day of September, 1996.

Michael T. Mulcal

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney Northern District of Ohio SFD ... 6 1906

96-904-TP-CCC

Room 208 2 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308

September 4, 1996

Chairman Craig A. Glazer C/O Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 SEP 0 6 1996

Public Utilities Commission of Ohlo

Re: Trustees of WeShare, Inc v. Ohio Bell

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you that the Trustees of WeShare, Inc. are not authorized to represent the United States, the Attorney General Janet Reno, nor the United States Department of Justice before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. 28 U.S.C. § 516 reserves that authority to the United States Department of Justice. <u>U.S. v Walcott</u> 972 F.2d 323, 326 (11th Cir. 1992) The United States requests that the petition purportedly filed on its behalf be dismissed.

Please provide this office with a copy of the dismissal or other order entered by the Commission regarding this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration and please contact me if there are any questions or additional information is required.

Sincerely,

James L. Bickett

Assistant U.S. Attorney

(330) 375-5716

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Steven C. La Tourette Congress of the United States 19th District, Phio

August 26, 1996

Mr. Robert Woodman
President, Basic Telecommunications Auditors
17920 Detroit Avenue, #506
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Dear Mr. Woodman:

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

I write in response to your letter to me dated August 18, 1996, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") Complaint attached thereto. The Complaint apparently was filed by the Trustees of WeShare, Inc. against the Ohio Bell Telephone Company ("Ohio Bell") and alleges that Ohio Bell committed various improprieties in connection with its rates. The Complaint also indicated that it was filed on my behalf, as well as on behalf of two other U.S. Congressman.

I want to be absolutely clear. I never requested that the Complaint be filed on my behalf, nor did I ever consent to the Complaint being file on my behalf. I have no knowledge of WeShare, Inc., its trustees, or your company, nor do I have any knowledge of claims that any of you may have against Ohio Bell. To the extent you have represented otherwise, I request that you take prompt steps to correct the situation.

I also request that you not presume in the future to act on my behalf, absent explicit written consent. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to PUCO and the Trustees of WeShare, Inc., to ensure that they remove my name from the Complaint. Thank you for your prompt attention. I remain

Very truly yours,

Steven C. La Tourette

Member of Congress

cc:

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