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Ms. Sandra Squire
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission of West Virginia
P.O. Box 812
Charleston, West Virginia 25323

RE: Powhattan Point EAS
Case No. 00-796-TP-PEX
00-797-TP-PEX

Dear Madam:

Recently, a petition was filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in which numerous subscribers of the Powhattan Point Exchange of Western Reserve Telephone Company requested extended area service (EAS) to the New Martinsville, Moundsville, Woodsdale, and Wheeling exchanges of Bell Atlantic West Virginia, Inc. This petition, docketed as Case No. 00-796-TP-PEX, together with another petition requesting only Ohio exchanges (Case No. 00-797-TP-PEX), is currently scheduled for a telephonic settlement conference on September 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in the offices of the PUCO. Information responses from the respondent telephone companies are scheduled to be filed by September 11, 2000.

Depending on the results of the settlement conference, a local community of interest hearing may or may not be scheduled. I am writing to inquire whether the West Virginia Commission is interested in initiating a formal docket on EAS from the previously mentioned West Virginia exchanges to the Powhattan Point Exchange in Ohio. If there is such an interest, then I would suggest that the West Virginia and Ohio commissions coordinate their efforts in processing this interstate request for EAS. If you desire to discuss this matter in more detail, you may reach me at (614) 466-1304.

Sincerely,

Kerry K. Sheets
Attorney Examiner
Legal Department

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