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**ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY AND
ODIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC.
SEEK A WAIVER OF THE DEFINITION OF "STUDY AREA"
IN PART 36 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES**

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Released Date: July 10, 2001

Comment Date: July 24, 2001

Reply Date: August 7, 2001

On June 27, 2001, Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company (ICTC) and Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc. (Odin) filed a joint petition for waiver of the definition of "study area" as set forth in Part 36 of the Commission's rules. That definition constitutes a rule freezing all study area boundaries. Odin is acquiring from ICTC two telephone exchanges in Illinois, the Oblong telephone exchange serving approximately 1,559 access lines and the Martinsville exchange of 1,131 access lines. By this waiver, ICTC seeks to alter its Illinois study area in order to remove the two telephone exchanges being transferred to Odin. Odin seeks a waiver of the study area freeze to add the purchased exchanges to its existing Illinois study area.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **July 24, 2001**, and reply comments on or before **August 7, 2001**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments,

commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, “get form <your e-mail address.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission’s Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A422, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission’s copy contractor, International Transcription service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037.

We will treat this proceeding as a permit-but-disclose proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s ex parte rules. See generally, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1206. However, if this waiver petition is opposed, it will be treated as a restricted proceeding under the Commission’s ex parte rules. See generally, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1208. For further information contact Antoinette Stevens at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.