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## COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT ON RECENT PETITIONS REGARDING ORIGINATING LINE SCREENING SERVICES

File No. CCB/CPD 96-25

Pleading Cycle Established

COMMENTS: October 31, 1996

REPLY COMMENTS: November 7, 1996

As part of its efforts to assist telecommunications companies and their customers in reducing toll fraud, the Commission adopted a Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 91-35 earlier this year.<sup>1</sup> While the *Order* required local exchange carriers to tariff certain originating line screening (OLS) services on or before December 1, 1996, it also acknowledged that these carriers could seek waivers of this filing requirement.<sup>2</sup>

On July 19, 1996, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) released a public notice seeking comment on a petition for clarification or reconsideration of the *Order* filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation and a separate petition filed by Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) seeking an indefinite waiver of the December 1 tariff deadline pending receipt of a *bona fide* request for OLS service.<sup>3</sup> Since release of the *Public Notice*, the Bureau has received additional petitions seeking extension or other waiver of the December 1 deadline. These more recent petitions are described below; their filing dates are October 15, 1996, unless otherwise indicated in parenthesis.

In a joint petition, Northeast Louisiana Telephone Company, Inc., The Chillicothe Telephone Company, Delcambre Telephone Company, Inc., and Campti Pleasant Hill Telephone Company seek

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<sup>1</sup> Policy and Rules Concerning Operator Service Access and Pay Telephone Compensation, Third Report and Order, CC Docket No. 91-35, FCC 96-131 (released April 5, 1996) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Order*, paras. 27 and 48.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Seeks Comment on Petitions Regarding Requirements to Offer Originating Line Screening and Other Services, File No. CCB/CPD 96-18 (*Public Notice*).

extension of the December 1 deadline to the end of October 1997. Lafourche Telephone Company seeks an extension to December 1, 1997; and Aliant Communications Co. to June 1, 1997. Both GTE Service Corporation (10-11-96) and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (9-19-96) seek extensions to February 28, 1997. Both U S West Communications, Inc. (U S West) and Star Telephone, Inc. (Star) (10-18-96) seek extensions to August 1, 1997. NYNEX Telephone Companies (NYNEX) (10-11-96) seeks an extension to the end of 1997 for 65 of its switches and to the end of 1998 for 3 of its switches but NYNEX also offers to make OLS service available as soon as possible if requested earlier.

Like U S West and Star, Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell (Pacific/Nevada) request extensions of the December 1 deadline to August 1, 1997. Alternatively, Pacific/Nevada, like SNET, seeks an indefinite waiver pending receipt of a *bona fide* request for this service. Similarly, the Puerto Rico Telephone Company and the Ameritech Operating Companies (10-17-96) seek indefinite waivers of the December 1 deadline until such time as they received a *bona fide* request for OLS service. Ameritech proposes to make such service available within 9 months of its receipt of such a request.

For unspecified non-equal access exchange carriers who obtain services from providers of line information data base (LIDB) systems which are not expected to make OLS available through those systems, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA), seeks an indefinite waiver until such time as these carriers convert to equal access. For unspecified carriers who obtain LIDB services from providers who will not be able to offer OLS until the end of 1997, NECA requests a waiver until December 31, 1997. For one unspecified group of the 31 carriers listed in its petition, GVNW Inc./Management (GVNW) seeks a waiver until such time as these carriers can secure access to flexible automatic numbering identification (Flex ANI) to offer OLS. For a second unspecified group, GVNW seeks a waiver until such time as these carriers can obtain OLS service from their LIDB providers. Finally, for a third unspecified group, such as non-equal access carriers, GVNW appears to seek an indefinite waiver because these carriers do not have access to LIDB and the costs of Flex ANI are prohibitive for them.

Contending it is not technically feasible or economically reasonable for Rochester Telephone Corp. (Rochester) (10/14/96) to offer OLS in any other manner, Rochester seeks an indefinite waiver pending establishment of the necessary standards and other developments that will permit Rochester, its affiliated Frontier Telephone Companies, and other carriers to use LIDB systems to offer OLS.

Interested parties may file comments on these petitions no later than **October 31, 1996**. Replies must be filed by **November 7, 1996**. When filing comments and/or replies, please refer to the following internal file number: **CCB/CPD 96-25**.

An original and four copies of all comments and replies must be filed in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Service (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554.

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