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**BOCs' Petition for Forbearance  
of Section 203(c)(2) of the Communications Act  
To Issue SMS/800 Refund**

**Applicable Ex Parte Rules**

**CCB/CPD 97-27**

On June 11, 1997, the Commission released a Public Notice with regard to the Bell Operating Companies<sup>1</sup> (BOCs) Petition for Forbearance pursuant to Section 10 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act) (47 U.S.C. 160). The BOCs request the Commission to forbear from applying Section 203(c)(2) of the Communications Act, to allow the BOCs to issue a one-time refund of certain revenues received pursuant to the SMS/800 Functions Tariff.

This is a non-restricted proceeding. Ex parte communications are subject to the permit but disclose rules, set forth in 47 C.F.R. section 1.1206.

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<sup>1</sup> The BOCs are the Ameritech Operating Companies, the Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York Telephone Company, Nevada Bell, Pacific Bell, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and US West Communications, Inc.