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**ALTS'S MOTION TO DISMISS AMERITECH MICHIGAN'S APPLICATION FOR
SECTION 271 AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE IN-REGION, INTERLATA
SERVICE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(CC DOCKET NO. 97-137)**

On June 10, 1997, the Association for Local Telecommunications Services (ALTS) filed a document entitled "Motion to Dismiss" which asks the Commission to dismiss Ameritech Michigan's recently filed application for authorization under section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to provide in-region, interLATA service in the State of Michigan. Ameritech Michigan filed its application on May 21, 1997. On that same day, the Common Carrier Bureau issued a Public Notice that, *inter alia*, established a procedural schedule for the Ameritech Michigan application. *See Comments Requested on Application by Ameritech Michigan for Authorization under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service in the State of Michigan*, Public Notice, DA 97-1072 (rel. May 21, 1997) (*May 21st PN*). Pursuant to this schedule, comments were filed by interested parties on June 10, 1997, the same day ALTS filed its Motion to Dismiss.¹ The schedule also provides that reply comments must be filed on or before July 7, 1997,² and each party is limited to 35 pages for its reply comments.³

The Commission will consider ALTS's Motion to Dismiss as comments filed in opposition to Ameritech Michigan's application. A pleading cycle will not be established in response to ALTS's motion. Parties may respond to ALTS's motion in the parties' reply comments. However, any other pleadings filed that address ALTS's motion will be considered reply

¹ In addition, pursuant to the schedule, the Michigan Public Service Commission filed its written consultation on June 10, 1997. *May 21st PN* at 1-2.

² *Id.* The schedule also provides that any written consultation by the Department of Justice must be filed on or before June 25, 1997. *Id.*

³ *See Procedures for Bell Operating Company Applications Under New Section 271 of the Communications Act*, Public Notice, FCC 96-469 (rel. Dec. 6, 1996) (OMB Control No. 3060-0756).

comments in CC Docket No. 97-137 and will be counted toward the parties' respective reply comments page limits.

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