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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON TARIFFS IMPLEMENTING ACCESS CHARGE REFORM

CC Docket No. 97-250

COMMENTS: April 2, 1998

REPLY COMMENTS: April 8, 1998

On December 30, 1997, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) initiated an investigation into the provisions contained in incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) access charge reform tariffs.¹ On January 28, 1998, the Bureau designated the specific issues for investigation in this proceeding in a separate order.² The *Access Charge Reform Designation Order* established a pleading cycle with direct cases to be filed by the parties no later than February, 27, 1998, comments or oppositions responding to the direct cases to be filed no later than March 16, 1998, and rebuttals to comments or oppositions to be filed no later than March 23, 1998.³

Several LECs (see Attachment A) have recently filed revisions to their access charge reform tariffs that raise issues related to the issues designated in the *Access Charge Reform Tariffs Designation Order*. Because parties may not have had an opportunity to comment on the investigation issues raised in these tariff filings, interested parties may file oppositions/comments on these tariff filings by April 2, 1998. Replies may be filed by April 8, 1998. When filing comments and/or replies, please reference the internal file number: CCB/CPD 98-22.

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 its office at 1231 20th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information, contact Dan Abeyta, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-1530.

¹ *Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform*, CC Docket No. 97-250, Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 97-2724 (Com. Car. Bur., rel. Dec. 30, 1997) (*Access Charge Reform Suspension Order*).

² *Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform*, CC Docket No. 97-250, Order Designating Issues for Investigation and Order on Reconsideration, DA 98-151, (Com. Car. Bur., rel. Jan 28, 1998) (*Access Charge Reform Tariffs Designation Order*).

³ *Id.* at para. 103.

Attachment A

Filings made by Local Exchange Carriers

Ameritech Operating Companies (filed March 17, 1998)	Transmittal No. 1146
Citizens Telecommunications Companies (filed March 16, 1998)	Transmittal No. 47
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (filed March 20, 1998)	Transmittal No. 718
Nevada Bell (filed March 20, 1998)	Transmittal No. 239
Pacific Bell (filed March 20, 1998)	Transmittal No. 1975
Southern New England Telephone Company (filed February 5, 1998)	Transmittal No. 707
Bell Atlantic Operating Companies (filed March 3, 1998)	Transmittal No. 1033
Bell Atlantic Operating Companies (filed March 17, 1998)	Transmittal No. 1035
U S West Communications, Inc. (filed March 13, 1998)	Transmittal No. 900
U S West Communications, Inc. (filed March 17, 1998)	Transmittal No. 903
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (filed March 9, 1998)	Transmittal No. 446
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (filed March 19, 1998)	Transmittal No. 450
Frontier-Rochester (filed March 19, 1998)	Transmittal No. 4
Sprint Local Telephone Companies (filed March 17, 1998)	Transmittal No. 50
NYNEX Telephone Companies (filed January 29, 1998)	Transmittal No. 481
NYNEX Telephone Companies (filed March 17, 1998)	Transmittal No. 490
NYNEX Telephone Companies (filed March 3, 1998)	Transmittal No. 488
GTE/GSTC (filed January 21, 1998)	Transmittal Nos. 1131 and 232
GTE (filed February 2, 1998)	Transmittal No. 1132
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (filed March 20, 1998)	Transmittal No. 2696