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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON AMERITECH'S PLAN FOR COMPARABLY EFFICIENT INTERCONNECTION TO MESSAGE DELIVERY SERVICE

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On June 30, 1995, Ameritech filed a plan to provide comparably efficient interconnection (CEI) to vendors of Message Delivery Service (MDS). Ameritech states that MDS will use a message delivery platform that enables subscribers to create, record, and store voice messages when they encounter a busy or no answer condition on outbound calls. In addition to MDS, Ameritech plans to provide additional functions such as Customized Delivery, Recipient Reply Option, Conformation Receipt Option, and Message Administration. Ameritech states that all of the features delivered by MDS will use underlying basic network services at the same rates, and on the same terms and conditions, as those services available to providers of competing services.

Recently, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit partially remanded to the Commission the BOC Safeguards Order. In response to this decision, the Common Carrier Bureau issued an order permitting the BOCs to continue, pending further proceedings, to provide existing enhanced services pursuant to approved CEI plans and requiring them to file CEI plans for any new enhanced services that they intend to provide. (See In the Matter of Bell Operating Companies' Joint Petition for Waiver of Computer II Rules, DA 95-36 (Comm. Car. Bur. released Jan. 11, 1995). Pursuant to that decision, Ameritech requests approval of its CEI plan to offer, on a structurally unseparated basis, MDS.

In its filing, Ameritech describes how it will satisfy the Commission's CEI parameters, and states that it will account for the joint and common costs of the services pursuant to its cost allocation manual. Ameritech also describes its plans for complying with the other Computer III nonstructural safeguards governing the use of customer proprietary network information, nondiscrimination reporting, and disclosure of network information.

Interested parties should file comments on this plan by **July 31, 1995**, and reply comments by **August 10, 1995**, with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to Peggy Reitzel, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington,

D.C. 20037. Copies of the plan can be obtained from ITS at (202) 857-3800.

We will treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact Peggy Reitzel, Policy and Program Planning Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1579.

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