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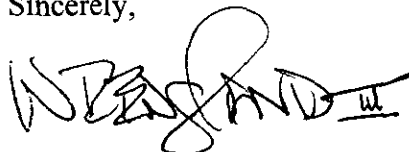
Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Small Telephone Company Group, please find fifteen copies of the prepared direct testimony of Robert C. Schoonmaker. Please note that Schedule RCS-2 contains **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL, ROUTE SPECIFIC COS DATA**. We are filing a non-proprietary version with the testimony and are enclosing copies of the highly confidential information in a separate, sealed envelope. Would you please see that the highly confidential information is protected in accordance with the terms of the Commission's protective order issued in this case.

Also please see that the filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


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