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November 12, 2002

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> Small Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding Reclassifications of Pay Re:

Telephone Service as Required by Federal Communications Commission

(FCC) Docket 96-128, TRA Docket No. 97-01181

### Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find the original and 13 copies of the Agreed Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule for filing in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is an additional copy of the Motion, which I would appreciate your stamping as "filed," and returning to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed above.

Very truly yours.
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R. Dale Grimes

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Enclosures

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# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	)	
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SMALL TELEPHONE COMPANIES	)	Docket No. 97-01181
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)	)	
DOCKET 96-128	)	

# AGREED MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Tennessee Coalition of Small Local Exchange Companies (the "Coalition") and the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association jointly request the Pre-Hearing Officer to suspend the Procedural Schedule established by Order entered November 4, 2002, including the November 12, 2002 deadline for the Coalition members to file proposed rates and justifications. The parties submit that they are actively engaged in settlement negotiations, that they believe they have made substantial progress toward a tentative settlement with respect to a number of the small companies, and that their discussions are continuing as to the settlement with the remaining small companies.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Agreed Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule, was served on the following, via United States mail, postage prepaid, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002:

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