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IMPLEMENT TOLL CARRIER
PRESUBSCRIPTION SYSTEM BASED
ON STATE RATHER THAN LATA
BOUNDARIES

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REPLY COMMENTS OF RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE

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The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") hereby submits its reply comments in response to the comments of Sprint, MCI Worldcom Inc., AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, and US West per David Motycka's July 2, 1999 memo seeking comments and reply comments.

If the LATA boundary is changed, then RUCO agrees with Sprint that customers should be given a ballot with which to choose their intrastate carrier. It would be unfair to customers to presume whom they would choose as an intrastate carrier. If the purpose of altering the LATA boundaries is to allow a greater choice for customers, then it is only logical that customers be given that choice at the time that the new LATA is implemented.

Following US West's proposal to make the intraLATA carrier the intrastate carrier by default could have the effect of circumventing customers PICC freeze regarding their current intrastate, interLATA calls.

RUCO also agrees with Sprint that information needs to be provided to consumers alerting them to their new options. Customers will have many questions concerning their new

1 "choices." Including information concerning LATA boundary changes to customers at the time
2 the ballots are mailed is a logical way to inform customers of their impending choices.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of August, 1999.

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