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IURC SETS TIME FRAME FOR CONSIDERATION OF UNE PRICES

Today, in Cause No. 42393, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission established a timetable for its investigation into the prices SBC should be allowed to charge competitors for collocation and access to its Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs).

The IURC opened this investigation on March 12, 2003, with the intent of completing this review by the end of this year. The Commission has agreed to entertain statements from the parties to the cause as to which UNEs, and the extent to which those UNEs, should be included in this proceeding. The Commission will issue a Docket Entry on or before April 30, 2003, to define the issues and to set forth which UNEs will be included in the investigation.

Some key dates:

May 16, 2003 — Deadline for SBC to prefile its loop cost study.

May 30, 2003 — Deadline for SBC to prefile remaining cost studies and for other parties to prefile their cost studies.

June 6, 2003 — Technical conference with all parties.

September 22 - 26, 2003 — Evidentiary hearing.

October 30, 2003 — Proposed orders to be filed.

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