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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20054

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued on behalf of Columbus Telephone Company and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Access Service, is sent to you in duplicate for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing, to become effective January 9, 2004, consists of the attached tariff pages. In addition, this filing is made in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Orders and revises rates for the interstate access services provided by Columbus Telephone Company and is made pursuant in part to the filing requirements adopted in the Regulatory Reform Order, Regulatory Reform for Local Exchange Carriers Subject to Rate of Return Regulation, 8 FCC Rcd 4545 (1993) and to the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R., Part 61, Section 61.39.

This action is being taken to update the Federal Universal service charge rate to reflect the FCC rate change for the first quarter of 2004.

Pursuant to Section 61.32(b) of the Commission's rules, (1) the original letter, (2) FCC Form 159 and (3) a check for \$695.00 has been submitted via courier to Mellon Bank, Pittsburgh, PA.

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Enclosures: Tariff Pages