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Dear Ms. Deixler:

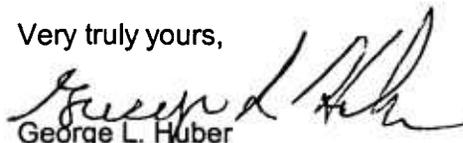
On September 13, 2000, the New York Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued a notice requesting comments in response to the Joint Petition of Global Crossing and Citizens Communications Company (Case 00-C-1415). Choice One Communications of New York ("Choice One") hereby gives notice to the Commission of its intent to file comments. Choice One respectfully requests that the following legal and regulatory representatives of Choice One be included on the active party list for this proceeding:

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Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this cover letter and return it in the attached self-addressed, postage-paid envelope. Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (716) 530-2648.

Very truly yours,



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Whatever else has happened to New York electric rates, New York rates still average twice that of our southern neighbor and our nearest agricultural competitor, Pennsylvania. A proper measure of lower rates is not, whether rate increases have been forestalled, but rather is, are New York rates competitive with neighboring states who have similar economic and population characteristics? Even within New York, one has only to look at the low number of customers in the retail access program to know that rates of the ESCOs are not low enough to entice customers into retail access.

In short, Pilot customers will be forced into the expensive, current retail access program. Farm Bureau believes that the Commission can better serve those customers by extending the Pilot one full year with the hope that the competitive environment will be improved enough to encourage continuation by those customers in the retail access program.

We further believe that to force these customers into the current retail access program is a disservice to those customers who put up with the billing and servicing problems of the Pilot. Some may argue that they also received a lower rate as a reward for their forbearance. Farm Bureau suggests that lower rates help to encourage competition. Competition for competition's sake has little to do with the business plans of Pilot participants nor of those businesses not in the Pilot.

Residential customers make up the workforce of those businesses; one benchmark of the quality of life is the affordability of living in New York. Workers and businesses who do not care for the quality of life in this state leave New York, and have done so. Their leaving is to the detriment of the New York economy and the utility that served them. The Commission is surely not called upon to solve the cost issues of New York residents and businesses. However, Farm Bureau believes that the Commission certainly needs to consider their costs in its decision making.

New York Farm Bureau, therefore, respectfully requests that the Pilot be extended for at least one year until October 31, 2001.

Sincerely,



Paul McDowell
Associate Director Governmental Relations
New York Farm Bureau