

East Ascension Telephone Company, Inc.
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Gonzales, LA 70737-4258

May 8, 2003

Application No. 1

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Sir or Madam:

East Ascension Telephone Company respectfully submits this application for Special Permission to waive the requirements of Section 61.16(c) of the Commission's Rules. This waiver pertains to a tariff revision (Transmittal No. 6) filed by East Ascension Telephone Company in its Tariff, FCC No. 1.

On June 17, 2002, East Ascension Telephone Company filed its tariff revision under its Transmittal No. 6 through the Electronic Tariff Filing System (EFTS) to become effective July 2, 2002. East Ascension Telephone Company neglected to file a Complete Base Document within the first five business days following the month the revised tariff submission became effective as required pursuant to Section 61.16 (c) of the Commission's Rules.

East Ascension Telephone Company hereby requests a waiver of the rules that require the filing of the Complete Base Document in the first five days after the full month tariff is in service. This request is made in order to put East Ascension Telephone Company's current Complete Base Document on the EFTS promptly after such waiver is granted.

Pursuant to Section 61.14(b) of the Commission's Rules, the original of this transmittal letter (without attachments), Form 159, and a check for \$695.00 have been sent via overnight delivery to the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, PA, as of this date.

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Please address any correspondence regarding this transmittal to either my attention at the following address and telephone number, or the attention of our regulatory consultant:

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Sincerely,

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