

Before the

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 29554

In the Matter Of)
)
Cincinnati Bell Telephone)
Tariff F. C. C. No. 35)

DECLARATION OF NORBERT J. METTE

I, Norbert J. Mette, Declare the following:

1. I am Director, Service Costs for Cincinnati Bell Telephone. I supervise the production of cost studies for use in complying with regulatory proceedings, making business and pricing decisions, and evaluating cost study results for Cincinnati Bell Telephone. As part of my responsibilities, I am familiar with the confidential nature of the cost support for such services, and the competitive harm that could befall Cincinnati Bell Telephone if the cost support for Cincinnati Bell Telephone's services were generally made public.

2. In this capacity, I am familiar with the cost support to be filed by Cincinnati Bell Telephone with its Tariff F. C. C. No. 35, Transmittal No. 773.

3. This cost support is maintained on a confidential basis and would not ordinarily be disclosed to parties outside of Cincinnati Bell Telephone.

4. Public disclosure of this cost support could assist competitors, and would thereby harm the competitive position of Cincinnati Bell Telephone, as will be described in the letter from Christopher S. Colwell, Vice-President - Government Relations, Cincinnati Bell Telephone, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, to which this Declaration is attached.

I declare under penalty or perjury under the law of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 13, 2002

/s/ Norbert J. Mette

Norbert J. Mette