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**HILLS TELEPHONE COMPANY (in Iowa)
525 East Fourth Street, PO Box 98
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June 16, 2003

Transmittal No. 5
(filing fee enclosed)

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. – TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: 2003 Annual Access Tariff Filing

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying tariff issued by Hills Telephone Company (in Iowa) (Hills) (FRN #0005-0971-75) bearing F.C.C. No. 1, effective July 1, 2003, is sent to you in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Hills is a Subset 3 carrier with 50,000 or fewer access lines and, therefore, is submitting this filing pursuant to Section 61.39 of the Commission's Rules. Hills is not including any additional uncollectibles resulting from interexchange carrier or competitive local exchange carrier bankruptcies in its revenue requirement or rates at this time, and therefore the tariff filing is accompanied by neither Section 61.38 cost support nor a Tariff Review Plan.

As required by Section 61.32 of the Rules, the original of this transmittal letter, plus the Commission's filing fee of six hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$695.00) is being filed this date with the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Personal or facsimile service of petitions under Section 1.773(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules should be directed to Hill's counsel whose facsimile number is (202) 828-5568 and whose service address and name are given below.

Respectfully submitted,
Hills Telephone Company (in Iowa)

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