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Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications
Act and becomes effective in 15 days.**

**The Chillicothe Telephone Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 480
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January 16, 2004

Transmittal No. 78

(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: MID-COURSE INTERSTATE ACCESS TARIFF REVISIONS

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying tariff materials issued by The Chillicothe Telephone Company, Inc. (Chillicothe) (**FRN #0005-0973-81**), and bearing FCC No. 1, effective January 31, 2004, are sent to you in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and pursuant to the Commission's Rules.

The purpose of the filing is to revise Chillicothe's switched and special access rates in order to adjust its earnings to better target its authorized rate-of-return for the two-year monitoring period between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2004. The tariff filing is accompanied by Section 61.38 cost support. 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.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,
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