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Transmittal No. 1

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying access tariff, issued by The Blair Telephone Company and bearing FCC No. 1, is submitted to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This tariff is effective July 1, 2004. Pursuant to Section 61.39 of the Commission's rules, The Blair Telephone Company, a local exchange carrier serving approximately 8,000 access lines in and around Blair, Nebraska, is filing this tariff because of its exit from the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) traffic sensitive pool, and the consequent need to establish its own rates for those switched and special access services whose costs are affected by said exit. The Blair Telephone Company's proposed rates are lower than NECA established rates for these affected services.

In addition, please find enclosed a letter of concurrence from Arlington Telephone Company. Arlington Telephone Company, FRN: 0002-3936-84, is a local exchange carrier serving approximately 1,100 access lines in and around Arlington, Nebraska. Arlington Telephone Company concurs in the tariff submitted herein by The Blair Telephone Company as Arlington Telephone Company is also exiting the NECA traffic sensitive pool.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Karen Aman, The Blair Telephone Company