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Date:

3/22/2000

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Senator Erpenbach	✓	—	—
Senator Shibilski	✓	—	—
Senator Rosenzweig	✓	—	—
Senator Darling	✓	—	—
Representative Hutchison	✓	—	—
Representative <del>Kaufert</del> <i>Montgomery</i>	✓	—	—
Representative Spillner	✓	—	—
Representative Schneider	✓	—	—
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AB-879

**SENATE HEARING SLIP**

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DATE: 3/22/00

BILL NO. AB 879 + SB 403

OR  
SUBJECT ACCESS

TEACH

Tom Ensign  
(NAME)

6602 Normandy Lane  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI 53719  
(City and Zip Code)

WSTA  
(Representing)

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Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:  
but not speaking:

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OR  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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RUTHANN NELSON  
(NAME)

30 W. MIFFLIN, SUITE 401  
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON WI 53703  
(City and Zip Code)

WIS FEDERATION OF COOPERATIVES  
(Representing)

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OR  
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Joe Murray  
(NAME)

4801 Forest Run Rd.  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI 53704  
(City and Zip Code)

WI Realtors Assoc.  
(Representing)

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BILL NO. SB91/AB879  
OR  
SUBJECT 911

JOE GRECO  
(NAME)  
17421 594 STORCKEN  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
MENO FALLS, WIS  
(City and Zip Code)  
VILLAGE PRES - MENO FALLS  
(Representing)

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OR  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

CLAUDIA KOTECKI  
(NAME)  
600 HIDDEN RIDGE  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
IRVING, TX 75038  
(City and Zip Code)  
GTE  
(Representing)

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

DICK BOTCHING  
(NAME)  
100 COMMUNICATIONS DR  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
SUN PRARIE 53590  
(City and Zip Code)  
GTE  
(Representing)

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OR

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Crawford  
(NAME)

817 Flanklin  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Manitowish, WI 54020  
(City and Zip Code)

FAMILIES OF MANITOWISH  
(Representing)

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Speaking Against:

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BILL NO. AB 879  
OR

SUBJECT access charges

Ann M McNeary  
(NAME)

1221 Sunfield #3  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Sun Prairie 53590  
(City and Zip Code)  
Communications Workers  
of America-Wisconsin  
(Representing) Political Council

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BILL NO. AB 847  
OR 875

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Bin Blawie  
(NAME)

44 E. Myrtle  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison  
(City and Zip Code)

Associated  
(Representing)

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BILL NO. AB 879

OR  
SUBJECT Re: Queen Cheryl

911

Jorenzo Cruz + Scott  
(NAME)

Vanderweerden  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Amesbury  
(City and Zip Code)

Amesbury  
(Representing)

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Dave Carter  
(NAME)

HC 60 BOX 178  
(Street Address or Route Number)

CABLE, WI 54821  
(City and Zip Code)

Chequamegon Telephone Coop.  
(Representing)

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Ray Boreman  
(NAME) 6602 Noamandy Lane

Wt State Tel Assn  
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON WI 53716  
(City and Zip Code)

WT STATE TEL ASSN  
(Representing)

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Don Thompson  
(NAME)  
202 State St  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Madison WI 53703  
(City and Zip Code)  
League of Wisconsin  
(Representing) Municipalities

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Julie Cipra  
(NAME)  
34658 Cipra Rd  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Prarie du Chien WI 53821  
(City and Zip Code)  
Crowford Cty 911  
(Representing)

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OR  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

DAVID SPENNER  
(NAME)  
719 W. STATE ST  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
MILWAUKEE WI  
(City and Zip Code)  
MILWAUKEE Police DEPT  
(Representing)

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OF

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Duke Ellington  
(NAME)

26 MLK  
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON 53709  
(City and Zip Code)

DAVE CO. EXEC.  
(Representing)

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OF

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Hinkler  
(NAME)

16 N Carroll #300  
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON, WI 53703  
(City and Zip Code)

CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD  
(Representing)

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OF

SUBJECT Access Reduction

911 PSAPs  
(NAME)

7504 WYANDOT TRL  
(Street Address or Route Number)

GREEN BAY, 54313  
(City and Zip Code)

Blount County  
(Representing)

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OR  
SUBJECT Access/911

Phone Charges

Doug Johnson  
(NAME)

Box. Mifflin-310  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53703  
(City and Zip Code)

WI Merchants Feder.  
(Representing)

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Jim Leachart  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address or Route Number)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City and Zip Code)

AFET  
(Representing)

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Rep. Al Ott  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address or Route Number)

Forest Junction, WI.  
(City and Zip Code)

Rep. Al Ott  
(Representing)

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Walter Knight  
(NAME)  
2028 Masters St  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Beloit, WI 53511  
(City and Zip Code)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Representing)

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Aileen R. Kopper  
(NAME)  
7825 E. Clayton Rd  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Madison WI 53711  
(City and Zip Code)  
Badgerland Supply, Inc.  
(Representing)

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OF  
SUBJECT Access and 911

Brian Hendricks  
(NAME)  
18 HighPoint Woods #301  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Madison WI 53719  
(City and Zip Code)  
Ameritech  
(Representing)

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Timothy Steffes  
(NAME)  
2615 East Avenue  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Lot Cruise, WI 54602  
(City and Zip Code)  
Centurytel  
(Representing)

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BRANDON SCHOLZ  
(NAME)  
2601 CROSSROADS DR #185  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
MADISON 53718  
(City and Zip Code)  
WISCONSIN GROCERS ASSN  
(Representing)

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OR  
SUBJECT Funding 911

Vern Wendt  
(NAME)  
5559 Hwy F  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Mazomanee WI 53522  
(City and Zip Code)  
Dave County Supervisor  
(Representing) Dis 28

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Jim Wick  
(NAME)

221 WHITEHAPEL - MAZOWIAK  
(Street Address or Route Number)

53560  
(City and Zip Code)

DAVE COUNTY DISTRICT 1 EMS  
(Representing)

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Tim DeSmet  
(NAME)

18 Elm St.  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Mazowia WI 53560  
(City and Zip Code)

Dave Co. Dist 1 EMS  
(Representing)

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Dylan Abraham  
(NAME)

3009 University Ave #608  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI 53705  
(City and Zip Code)

Myself  
(Representing)

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Speaking Against:

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Margaret McEntire  
(NAME)  
1721 Porter Avenue  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Madison WI 53704  
(City and Zip Code)  
Shen den Triangle Neighborhood Assn.  
(Representing)

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Dan Matson  
(NAME)  
100 Communications Dr  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
(City and Zip Code)  
GTE  
(Representing)

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Joel Dohmeier  
(NAME)  
301 S. Westfield  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
Madison WI 53705  
(City and Zip Code)  
TDS Telecom  
(Representing)

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STEVE WEAVER  
(NAME)  
340 Coyler  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
MADISON, WI.  
(City and Zip Code)  
Wis. State Police Assoc.  
(Representing)

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OR  
SUBJECT 11

AL ZINS  
(NAME)  
4407 W. Wagon Rd  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
MADISON, WI  
(City and Zip Code)  
53716  
(Representing)

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- for

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First Land - for

Jim Leonard - AT+T

Brendan Bress - Brown Co.

Don Dhusa - markets

Steve Heitker - CUB

45% reduction in access fees

Bob? ~~WSTA~~ what has AT+T

been passing on savings?

Answer: Average 15¢/min sep. 96

now 5-10¢/min

Bob? Access fees historically a regulated rate to subsidize local telcos.

[For - Rep Ott

[Against Ray Randa - WSTA]

will cause higher local rates,

esp ext. local area service.

40 mil ↓ in revenue

will be passed on to local cust.

- will affect all telcos.

Bob: telos deros, late a friend. But  
why do we assure rates will go up in  
the new competition atmosphere?

For: [Duke Ellington] - Done  
[Dave Spinner (sp?) - miltz  
Julie Cipra - Crawford Co.]



Bob = why not put 94 on property tax  
Bob = freeze should revenue real problem

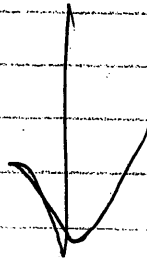
[Against: Dave Center - cable]

[FOR: Joe Greco - Meno Falls  
Kevin Crawford - Montrose]

[Against: (Bill Broyles) Amitech  
Lorenzo Cruz  
Scott Underwood (sp?)  
Bill Broyles  
- Amitech raises charges  
2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in US  
vs. other 60 by bells

[Against: Ann McNeary]  
- is appropriate to link the 2 issues

FOR: Dan Thompson - LWM



Against: (Dick Bollins) <sup>GPB</sup>  
(Claudia Kockecki)

Against - Joe Murray - Realtor  
Ruthann Nelson - Fedor  
Coops.

## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 879

March 15, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives OTT, HOVEN, BOCK, CARPENTER, HANDRICK, HEBL, POWERS, HAHN, WIECKERT, RICHARDS, TRAVIS, MILLER, POCAN, BOYLE, RYBA, J. LEHMAN, TOWNSEND, KREUSER, BERCEAU and BLACK, cosponsored by Senators WELCH and ZIEN. Referred to Joint committee on Information Policy.

1 AN ACT *to renumber* 196.219 (2m); *to amend* 196.196 (2) (a) and 196.203 (1); and  
2 *to create* 20.566 (2) (v), 25.17 (1) (aj), 25.98, 76.55, 196.219 (2m) (a), 196.219  
3 (2m) (b) (title), 196.219 (2m) (c) and 196.219 (2r) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
4 access service rates charged to and assessment of unaffiliated  
5 telecommunications providers, creating an assistance fund for “911” and  
6 making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill does each of the following: 1) imposes restrictions on access rates charged by large telecommunications utilities to unaffiliated telecommunications providers; and 2) provides for awarding 911 assistance grants to eligible local units of government.

#### ***Access rate restrictions***

Under this bill, a large telecommunications utility or a holding company that operates or controls a large telecommunications utility may not, unless approved by the public service commission (PSC), charge an access rate to an unaffiliated telecommunications provider that is greater than the lowest compensation rate that the large telecommunications utility or holding company charges to itself, an affiliate or any other telecommunications provider for the same or similar service, basic network function or element used for terminating or transporting a local

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exchange call. This prohibition applies beginning one year after the effective date of the bill. The bill defines a “large telecommunications utility” as a telecommunications utility with more than 200,000 access lines in this state, and defines an “access rate” as any rate, fee, price or amount for the provision of an access service or any basic network function or element that comprises an access service or any traffic sensitive or nontraffic sensitive charge. Under current law, an “access service” is defined as the provision of switched or dedicated access to a local exchange network for the purpose of enabling a telecommunications provider to originate or terminate telecommunications service.

The PSC may approve an access rate that exceeds the above rate only if the PSC finds, after a hearing, that the large telecommunications utility or holding company has experienced a substantial change in circumstances that justifies the rate and that the rate satisfies each of the following:

1. The access rate will not have an anticompetitive impact on competitors.
2. The access rate does not exceed the large telecommunications utility's or holding company's total service long-run incremental costs in providing the service.
3. The access rate is in the public interest.

In addition, the bill requires each unaffiliated telecommunications provider to pass on to its customers the savings that it receives from the reduction in access rates and permits the PSC to review the method of passing such savings on to its customers.

***911 assistance grants***

The bill creates a 911 assistance fund (fund) from which the department of revenue (DOR) makes grants to eligible local units of government for certain costs related to establishing or improving a basic or sophisticated 911 system. A “basic system” is a telecommunications system that automatically connects a person who dials the digits “911” to a facility that directly dispatches an emergency service provider, relays a message to the appropriate emergency service provider or transfers the call to the appropriate emergency service provider. A “sophisticated system” is a basic system that is capable of identifying the address and telephone number of a person making a “911” call.

The fund consists of one-time assessments that large telecommunications utilities must pay to the PSC. The amount of an assessment is equal to the result obtained by multiplying the number of access lines in this state owned by a large telecommunications utility by the difference between the large telecommunications utility's access rates in effect on the effective date of the bill and the access rates in effect one year following the effective date of the bill. The PSC must deposit the assessments in the fund.

The bill requires DOR to disburse grants from the fund to eligible local units of government, which must use the grants to pay for eligible costs and debt service costs directly related to establishing or improving a basic or sophisticated system. An “eligible local unit of government” is defined as a town, village, city or county that satisfies two criteria: 1) it operates a public safety answering point, or intends to operate a public safety answering point within 18 months after the effective date of the bill; and 2) it has a large telecommunications utility operating within its borders.

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DOR must disburse grants according to a formula that first establishes an allocation to each county that includes an eligible local unit of government, and, from that allocation, to each local unit of government that operates a public safety answering point.

Under the formula, the amount of money allocated to each county is determined by multiplying the fund balance by a fraction whose numerator is equal to the number of access lines owned by large telecommunications utilities in the county and whose denominator is equal to the number of access lines in the state that are owned by large telecommunications utilities. The amount of money distributed to each eligible local unit of government from the county allocation is determined by multiplying the county allocation by a fraction whose numerator is equal to the number of county residents who are or will be served by the eligible local unit of government's basic or sophisticated system and whose denominator is equal to the number of county residents who are or will be served by any eligible local unit of government's basic system or sophisticated system.

A different rule applies for determining the amount of a grant to a county that has a population of more than 500,000 and that operates a public safety answering point. For such a county, DOR must award a grant equal to the lesser of 5% of the amount of the county allocation determined under the above formula, or the total eligible costs and debt service costs incurred by the county.

Eligible local units of government are required to deposit grant moneys in a separate account and submit a report to DOR within one year after receiving the grant. The report must document the uses to which the grant money has been put. The bill prohibits an eligible local unit of government from using grant moneys for the cost of equipment that an emergency service provider uses to respond directly to an emergency call or for the cost of personnel other than certain personnel training costs.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

- 1           **SECTION 1.** 20.566 (2) (v) of the statutes is created to read:  
2           20.566 (2) (v) *Assistance grants for "911"*. From the assistance fund for "911",  
3           a sum sufficient for grants made under s. 76.55.  
4           **SECTION 2.** 25.17 (1) (aj) of the statutes is created to read:  
5           25.17 (1) (aj) Assistance fund for "911" (s. 25.98).  
6           **SECTION 3.** 25.98 of the statutes is created to read:

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1           **25.98 Assistance fund for “911”**. There is established a separate nonlapsible  
2 trust fund designated as the assistance fund for “911”, consisting of all moneys  
3 deposited under 1999 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 12 (3).

4           **SECTION 4.** 76.55 of the statutes is created to read:

5           **76.55 Assistance grants for “911”**. (1) In this section:

6           (a) “Basic system” has the meaning given in s. 146.70 (1) (c).

7           (b) “Debt service costs” means principal and interest costs for bonds issued for  
8 the purpose of financing eligible costs.

9           (c) “Department” means the department of revenue.

10          (d) “Eligible costs” means costs incurred after the effective date of this  
11 paragraph .... [revisor insert date], that are directly related to purchasing or leasing  
12 equipment for establishing or improving a basic system or a sophisticated system,  
13 including costs for telephone, radio communications, computer-aided dispatch,  
14 records management, voice recording and mobile data network systems; and costs  
15 for training personnel to use the equipment.

16          (e) “Eligible local unit of government” means a town, village, city or county that  
17 has a large telecommunications utility operating within its borders and that satisfies  
18 one of the following:

19           1. The town, village, city or county operates a public safety answering point on  
20 the effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date].

21           2. The town, village, city or county intends to operate a public safety answering  
22 point no later than the first day of the 19th month beginning after the effective date  
23 of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date].



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1 (f) “Fund balance” means the balance in the assistance fund for “911”  
2 immediately after the public service commission has deposited all of the payments  
3 made under 1999 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 12 (3).

4 (g) “Large telecommunications utility” has the meaning given in s. 196.219  
5 (2m) (a) 4.

6 (h) “Public safety answering point” has the meaning given in s. 146.70 (1) (gm).

7 (i) “Sophisticated system” has the meaning given in s. 146.70 (1) (i).

8 **(2)** (a) Except as provided in sub. (3), the department shall award a grant from  
9 the appropriation under s. 20.566 (2) (v), equal to the amount determined under par.  
10 (b), to an eligible local unit of government for eligible costs and debt service costs.

11 (b) The department shall award a grant under this section to an eligible local  
12 unit of government to cover eligible costs and debt service costs. Except as provided  
13 in sub. (3), the department shall award a grant to each eligible local unit of  
14 government equal to an amount determined as follows:

15 1. For each county that includes an eligible local unit of government, multiply  
16 the fund balance by a fraction whose numerator is equal to the number of access lines  
17 owned by large telecommunications utilities in the county and whose denominator  
18 is equal to the number of access lines in the state that are owned by large  
19 telecommunications utilities.

20 2. Multiply the result under subd. 1. by a fraction whose numerator is equal  
21 to the number of county residents who are or will be served by the eligible local unit  
22 of government’s basic system or sophisticated system and whose denominator is the  
23 number of county residents who are or will be served by any eligible local unit of  
24 government’s basic system or sophisticated system.

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## SECTION 4

1           (3) For a county that has a population of more than 500,000 and that operates  
2 a public safety answering point, the department shall award a grant in an amount  
3 equal to the lesser of 5% of the amount calculated for the county under sub. (2) (b)  
4 1. or the total eligible costs and debt service costs that are incurred by the county.

5           (4) A grant recipient under this section shall deposit the grant moneys in a  
6 separate account and shall submit a report to the department within one year after  
7 receiving the grant. The report shall document the uses to which the grant money  
8 has been put. A grant recipient may not use grant moneys for the cost of equipment  
9 that an emergency service provider uses to respond directly to an emergency call or  
10 for the cost of personnel other than the cost of training personnel to use equipment.

11           **SECTION 5.** 196.196 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           196.196 (2) (a) Except as required to enforce this subsection and the  
13 requirements of s. 196.219 (2m), the commission may not review or set the rates for  
14 intrastate access services offered by price-regulated telecommunications utilities.  
15 This paragraph does not waive the tariff requirements of s. 196.219 (2m).

16           **SECTION 6.** 196.203 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17           196.203 (1) Except as provided in this section and s. 196.219 (2m), alternative  
18 telecommunications utilities are exempt from all provisions of ch. 200 and this  
19 chapter.

20           **SECTION 7.** 196.219 (2m) of the statutes is renumbered 196.219 (2m) (b).

21           **SECTION 8.** 196.219 (2m) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

22           196.219 (2m) (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

23           1. "Access rate" means any rate, fee, price or amount for the provision of an  
24 access service or any basic network function or element that comprises an access  
25 service or any traffic sensitive or nontraffic sensitive charge.

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1           2. “Affiliate of a large telecommunications utility” means any person who  
2 controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a large telecommunications  
3 utility.

4           3. “Holding company” means a holding company, as defined in s. 196.795 (1) (h)  
5 1., that owns or controls one or more large telecommunications utilities.

6           4. “Large telecommunications utility” means a telecommunications utility with  
7 more than 200,000 access lines in this state.

8           5. “Unaffiliated telecommunications provider” means a telecommunications  
9 provider that is not an affiliate of a large telecommunications utility.

10         **SECTION 9.** 196.219 (2m) (b) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

11         196.219 (2m) (b) (title) *Nondiscrimination.*

12         **SECTION 10.** 196.219 (2m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

13         196.219 (2m) (c) *Unaffiliated telecommunications providers.* 1. Beginning on  
14 the first day of the 13th month after the effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor  
15 inserts date], a large telecommunications utility or a holding company may not  
16 charge an access rate to an unaffiliated telecommunications provider that exceeds  
17 the lowest compensation rate or combination of rates that it charges, whether by  
18 tariff or agreement, to itself, an affiliate of the large telecommunications utility or  
19 any other telecommunications provider for the same or similar service, basic  
20 network function or element used for the termination or transport of a local exchange  
21 call, including extended community calling or extended area service calling.

22           2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., a large telecommunications utility or holding  
23 company may petition the commission for approval to charge an unaffiliated  
24 telecommunications provider an access rate that exceeds an access rate specified in  
25 subd. 1. The commission may grant its approval after notice to all interested parties

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1 and a hearing if the commission finds that the large telecommunications utility or  
2 holding company has established, by clear and convincing evidence, each of the  
3 following:

4 a. That the large telecommunications utility or holding company has  
5 experienced a substantial change in circumstances that justifies the petitioned  
6 access rate.

7 b. That the petitioned access rate will not have an anticompetitive impact on  
8 any competitor of the large telecommunications utility or holding company.

9 c. That the petitioned access rate does not exceed the large telecommunications  
10 utility's or holding company's total service long-run incremental costs in providing  
11 the access service.

12 d. That the petitioned access rate is in the public interest.

13 **SECTION 11.** 196.219 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

14 196.219 (2r) REDUCTION OF RATES. Each unaffiliated telecommunications  
15 provider, as defined in sub. (2m) (a) 5., shall pass on its savings, in the aggregate, to  
16 its customers in an amount equal to the reductions in intrastate access rates under  
17 sub. (2m) (c). To ensure compliance with this subsection, the commission may review  
18 the method of passing on savings to customers that the unaffiliated  
19 telecommunications provider chooses.

20 **SECTION 12. Nonstatutory provisions.**

21 (1) DEFINITIONS. In this SECTION:

22 (a) "Access rate" has the meaning given in section 196.219 (2m) (a) 1. of the  
23 statutes, as created by this act.

24 (b) "Commission" means the public service commission.

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1 (c) “Large telecommunications utility” has the meaning given in section  
2 196.219 (2m) (a) 4. of the statutes, as created by this act.

3 (d) “Public safety answering point” has the meaning given in section 146.70 (1)  
4 (gm) of the statutes.

5 (2) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

6 (a) Each large telecommunications utility shall report to the commission the  
7 number of access lines that the utility owns in this state and in each county and the  
8 number and identity of the towns, cities, villages and counties that it serves by the  
9 first day of the 3rd month following the effective date of this paragraph. The  
10 commission shall provide the information reported under this paragraph to the  
11 department of revenue for the purpose of administering the requirements of section  
12 76.55 of the statutes, as created by this act.

13 (b) Each town, city, village or county that is not operating a public safety  
14 answering point on the effective date of this paragraph, that intends to operate a  
15 public safety answering point by the first day of the 19th month following the  
16 effective date of this paragraph and that seeks a grant under section 76.55 of the  
17 statutes, as created by this act, shall notify the commission of the town’s, city’s,  
18 village’s or county’s intent to operate a public safety answering point. The  
19 commission shall prepare a list of existing public safety answering points and of  
20 public safety answering points that are intended to be operational by the first day  
21 of the 19th month following the effective date of this paragraph and provide the  
22 department of revenue with a copy of this list by the first day of the 10th month  
23 following the effective date of this paragraph.

24 (3) ASSESSMENTS. On the first day of the 14th month following the effective date  
25 of this subsection, the commission shall assess against each large

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1 telecommunications utility an amount equal to the result obtained by multiplying  
2 the number of access lines in this state owned by the large telecommunications  
3 utility by the difference between the large telecommunications utility's access rates  
4 in effect on the effective date of this subsection and the access rates in effect on the  
5 first day of the 13th month following the effective date of this subsection. A large  
6 telecommunications utility shall pay an assessment within 30 days after the  
7 commission has mailed a bill for the assessment. The bill constitutes notice of the  
8 assessment and demand of payment. The commission shall deposit the payments in  
9 the assistance fund for "911" under section 25.98 of the statutes, as created by this  
10 act.

11 (END)

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**

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 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

**Subject**

Provisions for Determining Access Rates for Certain Telecommunications Service Providers and Implementation of a "911" Grant Program

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
2.  Decrease Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
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4.  Decrease Revenues  
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5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

20.155(1)(g)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill addresses two items. First, it would place a cap on intrastate access rates that Ameritech and GTE may charge interconnecting long distance carriers to originate or terminate toll traffic over their facilities. Under this legislation, Ameritech and GTE could petition to raise their access rates above the statutory cap. The second item in this bill, would create a one-time fund to provide grants to eligible local government facilities involved in the "911" program. The program would be administered by the Department of Revenue after the Public Service Commission billed the two companies above and deposited the proceeds to the appropriate appropriation.

The section on Access Rates proposes to statutorily lower the rate Ameritech and GTE charge long distance carriers for access. Under this legislation, the rate for access would be reduced to the comparable rate for termination and transport of a local exchanged call between local exchange carriers. The procedure for setting the rate for termination and transport of a local exchange call between a Competative Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) and an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) is currently the subject of a rulemaking proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission. This legislation would require a separate contested case hearing at the PSC to determine the statutory rate and to consider Ameritech and GTE petitions for a higher access rate. This legislation would require additional staff resources to exercise continuing supervisory jurisdiction over Ameritech and GTE intrastate access rates. Accordingly, the Commission estimates that the equivalent of 2.0 new Public Utility Rate Analyst-Principal positions would be necessary to do the work required.

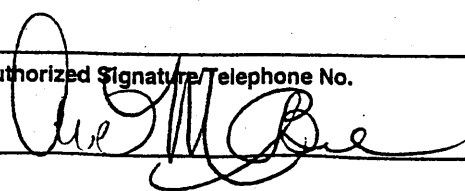
In addition, the bill would require the Commission to bill Ameritech and GTE. The assessment would be based on the number of access lines of the two companies times the difference in their access rates in effect on the effective date of the bill and their access rates in effect one year following the effective date of the bill. The cost of this billing effort would be absorbed by existing staff.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect  
DOA-2047 (R10/96)

ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
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LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
AB 879

Amendment No.

Subject

Provisions for Determining Access Rates for Certain Telecommunication Service Providers and Implementing a "911" Grant Program.

**I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):**

\$12,800

**II. Annualized Costs:**

Annualized Fiscal Impact on State funds from:

A. State Costs by Category	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$ 111,000	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	( 2.0 FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	8,400	-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$ 119,400</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
State Revenues	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS	119,400	-
SEG/SEG-S		-
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 119,400</b>	<b>\$ -</b>


**NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT**

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LOCAL

NET CHANGE IN COSTS                      \$ 119,400                      \$ 0

NET CHANGE IN REVENUES                \$ 119,400                      \$

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David S. Broder

Wednesday, March 22, 2000

# OPINION

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## OUR OPINION

# Phone fees bill deserves chance

Sooner than later, Wisconsin's emergency 911 telephone system must be updated to ensure public safety. But who will pay for the \$60 million in improvements that must be made over the next five years?

As it stands, local property taxpayers would pay for that upgrade. That's why local officials, sheriffs, fire chiefs and other public safety administrators have joined with the Citizens' Utility Board and four long-distance telephone companies in supporting a different approach. They are urging the Legislature to pass a bill that would pay for the inevitable 911 upgrades through cuts in existing phone charges that all consumers pay.

It's a plan that lawmakers should give serious consideration.

The unusual alliance that makes up the Campaign for Fair Phone Charges wants to lower long-distance access fees paid to Ameritech, GTE and Century Telephone and reserve the savings for 911 improvements.

These access fees are charged by local telephone exchange companies to long-distance carriers for completing a call, and the fees range from 2 cents to 10 cents per minute. The bill would limit access fees to amounts that the local carriers customarily charge each other for completing calls.

The long-distance carriers have been howling about access fees for years, mainly because they see it as free money for the local companies and a way to box them out of the local telephone business. The local companies have, quite naturally, resisted lowering those fees and have always questioned the public purpose for doing so. Why should Ameritech get less money just so AT&T can get more, they ask?

That question has been answered with the proposal to earmark all of the initial savings from lower access fees to making improvements in the

## Hearing set for today

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Information Technology will hold a hearing on Senate Bill 91 and its twin, Assembly Bill 879, at 8:30 a.m. today in Room 300 SE of the Capitol.

911 system. It's not AT&T or U.S. Cellular that will benefit, but local taxpayers who won't be forced to absorb the costs of 911 improvements.

Two parts of the bill deserve closer examination.

First, it applies only to the biggest telephone companies and not the smaller companies also make up the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association. If it's good policy for the Big Three, why not for the Small 80? Answer: Politics. Supporters of the bill recognize that rural legislators in both political parties will be reluctant to take away a source of income for their local phone companies. What makes for good politics does not always make for good policy, however.

Second, there is no reason to force a \$40 million reduction in access fees overnight. The \$60 million in 911 improvements must be spaced over five years or more, so it's only fair to give the local phone companies time to adjust. Access fees have been reduced since 1994 — just not by enough to please the long-distance carriers and CUB.

Telephone access fees are a holdover from an era when the telecommunications industry was regulated and the business was shielded from competition. Removing those fees over time would be a step toward more competition and greater choice for consumers. If the initial savings can be used to make sure 911 works when we need it, all of Wisconsin will be better served.

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March 21, 2000

Representative David Hutchinson  
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RE: Joint Committee on Information Policy - Public Hearing on AB879

Dear Representative Hutchinson:

Thank you for scheduling AB879 for a public hearing. I am writing this letter on behalf of the Rock County Public Safety and Justice Committee. We strongly urge your support for AB879. Passage of this bill will result in Rock County receiving nearly \$1.2 million dollars for 911 infrastructure improvements.

At present, local phone companies are charging an access fee to long distance carriers. The proposed legislation would direct the local phone companies to offer access to long distance companies at the same rate that they now offer interconnection to each other. If the bill is passed, the fees will remain in place for one year. The revenue that accrues during that period of time will be distributed on a one-time basis to local units of government to pay for 911 capital improvements.

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Sincerely,



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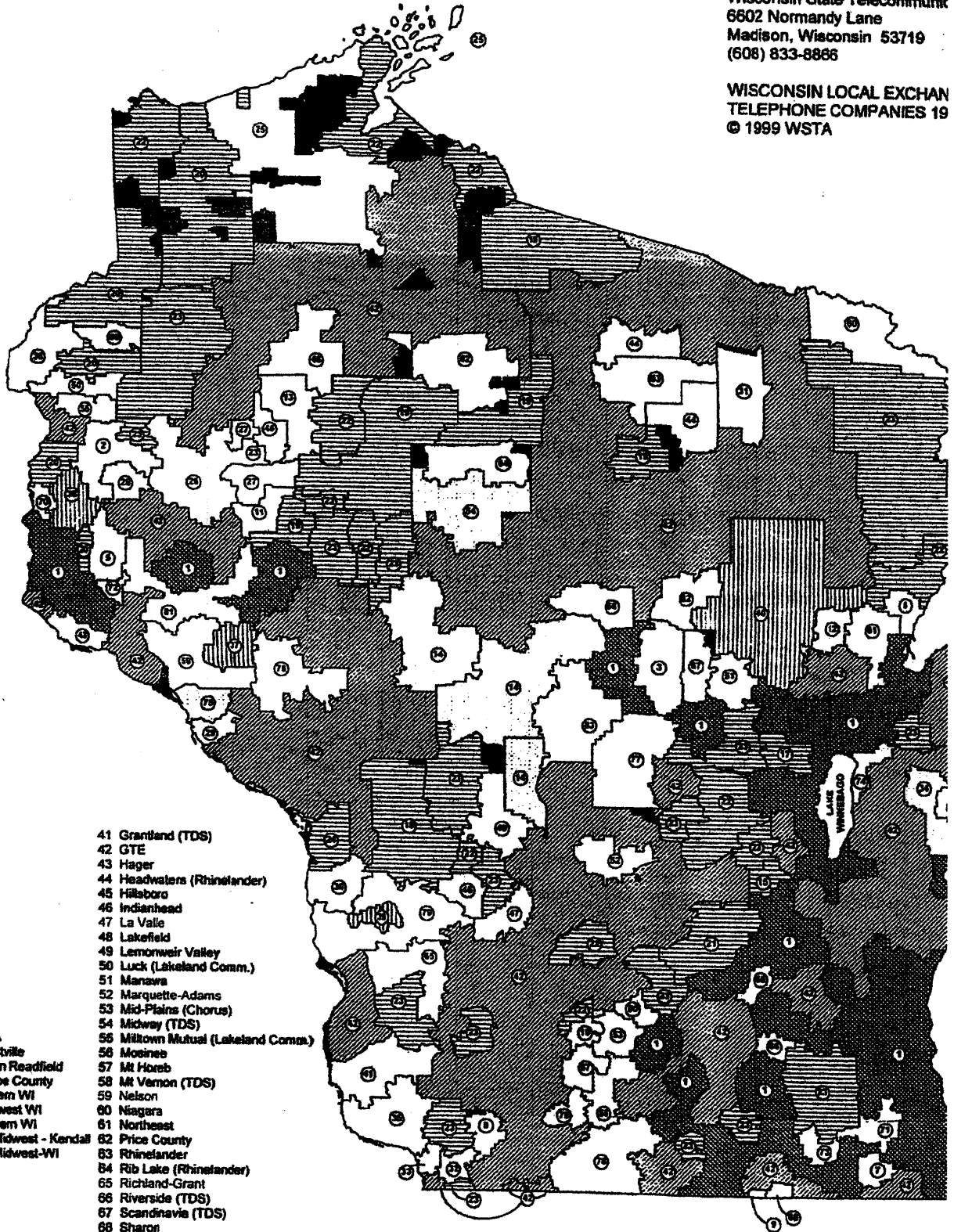
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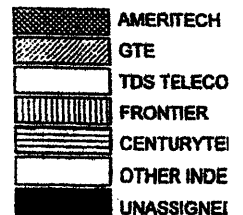
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March 22, 2000

TO: Joint Committee, Information Policy

FROM: Michael Theo  
Vice President for Public Affairs

E. Joe Murray  
Director of Political Affairs

RE: AB 879

The Wisconsin REALTORS Association (WRA) opposes AB 879, legislation that will increase the cost of local phone service to homeowners and the cost of doing business for REALTORS.

We oppose AB 879 for the following reasons:

- AB 879 will cost consumers more money. The big three long distance companies – AT&T, Sprint and MCI - want to lower the cost of doing business through lower access fees. That will mean higher profits for these giant companies and higher phone rates for consumers here in Wisconsin.
- Supporters AB 879 pretend that this bill is about helping modernize the 911 systems in Wisconsin. This bill is about more profits for AT&T, MCI and Sprint.
- If AB 879 passes, consumers will pay \$40 million in the form of increased local telephone charges. And that will be on top of what they're already paying to support 911 services through a charge on their phone bills.
- Wisconsin access fees are the fifth lowest in the nation. The latest scheme by supporters is to use access fees to subsidize 911 services. The 911 issue is separate from access fees. The Legislature has already rejected this idea once and should do so again.
- Higher local phone rates hurt homeowners, and the elderly, both of whom must carefully watch their monthly cash flows.
- Local rate increases will also hurt REALTORS and professionals in other businesses that rely on heavy use of local phone services.
- Nearly 70% of all calls made by real estate agents in Wisconsin are local calls. And 43% of these REALTORS say that 75-100% of their total calls are local.

Given the history of ever-increasing long distance rates and absent any statutory guarantees that long-distance rates will drop if this legislation passes, we believe passage of AB 879 will result in higher local phone rates.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to **vote no** on AB 879.

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March 22, 2000

**Testimony in Opposition to Assembly Bill 879**

My name is Claudia Kotecki, and I am submitting testimony, on behalf of GTE, in opposition to Assembly Bill 879.

GTE opposes AB 879 for many of the same reasons that others will articulate before your Committee today. This legislation is an inappropriate and inequitable rate decrease on one set of telecommunications carriers {the large incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") in Wisconsin} and the legislation establishes a bad precedent for telecommunications public policy in the state. In my testimony I would like to discuss two specific points: 1) the unilateral access reductions called for in the bill, and 2) the inappropriate linkage of access reductions and the state's 9-1-1 system.

GTE has already made substantial reductions to its switched access rates since the industry and the FCC converted from the old division of revenues/ separations and settlements process to an access charge system to accommodate long distance competition. Attached to my testimony is a graph that indicates the gradual lowering of intrastate access charges in the state of Wisconsin. GTE's composite intrastate access charges have declined from almost \$ .10/minute in 1986 to approximately a penny and a half per minute today. These access reductions have not occurred in a policy vacuum. They have been designed to move implicit subsidies for universal service out of access and to move toward a more economically rational approach wherein telecommunications prices are more closely related to their underlying costs.

As these numbers indicate, Wisconsin is a long way down the road to getting implicit subsidies out of its intrastate access rates. The legislature needs to be aware that true and efficient competition can only exist in a rationally priced telecommunications environment. Simply reducing the intrastate access rates of the largest ILECs in the state

will do nothing to rationalize pricing to promote competition. It will simply serve to lower the expenses of interexchange carriers ("IXCs") in the state.

In looking at the access reduction provisions of AB 879, several questions beg for answers. In determining the access rates to use to comply with the bill (section 10), what access rates may not exceed the lowest compensation rate or combination of rates for the same or similar service used for the termination and transport of local calls? For example, the Marketing Expense Recovery Charge ("MERC") and the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge ("PICC") are not part of the rate structure of compensation for termination and transport of local exchange calls but are existing intrastate access rate elements. The interstate and intrastate access charge system may be in need for reform, but this simplistic reduction of intrastate switched access charges serves little public policy purpose.

GTE also questions the underlying philosophy that would equate interconnection charges with intrastate switched access charges. The FCC has recognized that transport and termination of local traffic are different services than access service for long distance telecommunications. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 preserves the distinctions between charges for transport and termination of local traffic and interstate and intrastate charges for terminating long-distance traffic. There is no public policy rationale for simply calling for a one-sided reduction in charges to a level equal to charges for other services. Moving telecommunications prices from the older sole source model to a competitive model needs to be done with some precision and fairness.

In addition to the problems associated with the access reduction language in the bill, GTE submits that the 9-1-1 funding provisions are confusing, unlikely to accomplish the needed public safety goals, and are inappropriate from a public policy point of view.

The assessment methodology in section 12 of AB 879 is unclear and confusing. The purpose of the legislation is to establish a "9-1-1 Assistance Fund" through assessments to the large ILECs. However, there is little guidance as to how the assessment process would actually work. How is the difference between access rates on the effective date of the Act and on the first day of the 14<sup>th</sup> month following the effective date of the Act calculated? Rate element by rate element? Overall composite rate

determined by each individual company's methodology? An actual effective rate? What rate elements are included?

Is the assessment a one-time assessment? If it is a one-time assessment, GTE is perplexed as to how serious the drafters of this legislation are to creating meaningful public safety improvements for the citizens of Wisconsin. Because GTE's current intrastate access rates are lower than those found in other states, the amount to be assessed to GTE would likely be insubstantial. How does this effectively help fund 9-1-1 systems across the state of Wisconsin?

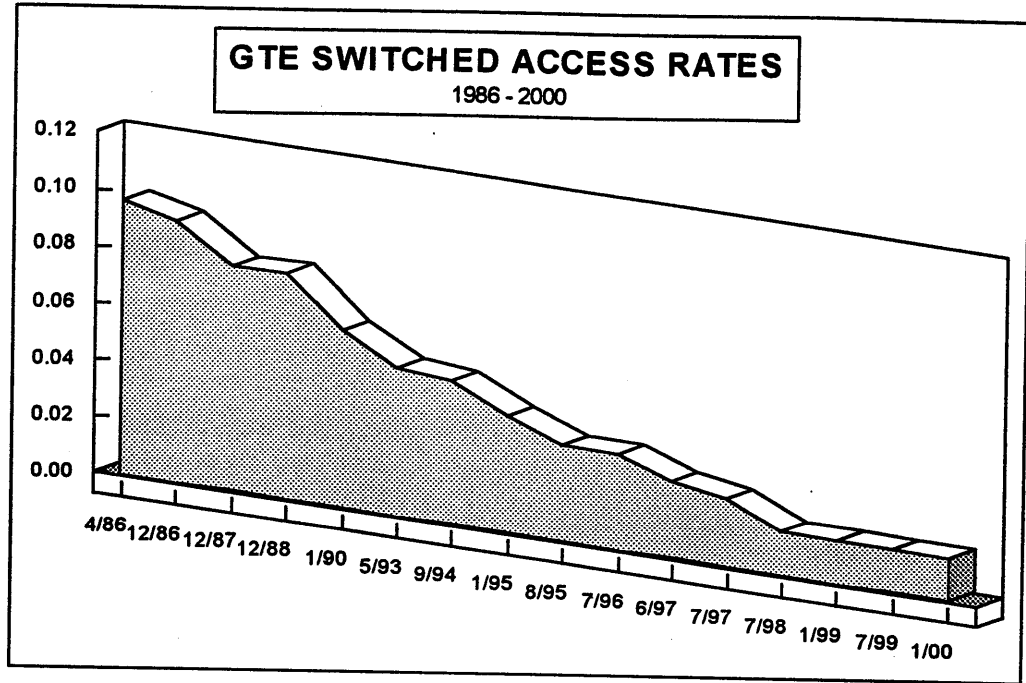
If the legislature is vitally concerned about the effectiveness of the state's 9-1-1 system, it should investigate the needs of the emergency services system and establish a reasonable system for funding both capital and operating expenses of the system. In this proposed legislation, there is no logical relationship between the cost of 9-1-1 service and the funding mechanism proposed. The current system uses an assessment based on an equitable fixed percentage on telecommunications customers' bills. If this is inadequate, the legislature needs to address that issue forthrightly.

GTE believes that linking assessments on large ILECs to funding for county and municipal 9-1-1 systems is unfair, shortsighted, and inappropriate public policy. Why should only large ILECs be responsible for the funding of improvements to the state emergency services system? Indeed, an argument can be made that such a program violates section 254(f) of the 1996 federal Telecommunications Act because it purports to fund an intrastate support mechanism through an assessment that is unequally and discriminatorily applied. The legislation, as drafted, fails to comprehensively deal with the perceived inadequacies of emergency services in the state and simply affixes a confusing and inequitable assessment system and hopes that this will fix the problem. Even if the amount of adequate funds to implement new capital projects and updated emergency equipment for county and municipal emergency systems were created in this legislation, there is no assessment provided for increased operating funds that these capital expenses would necessitate. The people of Wisconsin deserve better public policy than this.



In summary, GTE submits that AB 879 merely attempts to marry two political interests --- the IXC desire for lower access charges, and local public officials' need for more sophisticated emergency service equipment --- into one bill that purports to be effective public policy. Instead, the practical effect of this legislation is to take two issues that have serious implications for the people of Wisconsin --- telecommunications pricing and emergency services needs in the state --- and to make the problems associated with these issues worse! If the legislature wants to address the issues of appropriate telecommunications pricing and the need for better more efficient emergency services in the state, GTE stands ready to deal with these issues intelligently and comprehensively. Unfortunately, AB 879 (as well as its Senate companion SB 91) fails miserably to deal effectively with these issues. GTE strongly opposes AB 879.

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## Ameritech Opposes AB-879

### Access fees and 911 are separate issues

- Access fees are paid by long distance companies to local companies for use of their lines. These fees pay for legitimate costs incurred by local companies and in part help keep local telephone rates affordable.
- The long distance companies have continued to try to reduce the access fees even further because each subsequent reduction increases their profits (Attachments 1-2).
- Access fees have nothing to do with 911. This bill is simply a money grab by long distance companies.
- The only reason 911 has been added to the bill is to try to recast the debate from discussing how access charges fatten the long distance companies bottom line to anything else.

### There's no free pot of money

- Our fees have been reduced every year since 1984, with a total reduction in excess of 85%, and will continue to decline because of federal reform and price cap efforts. Ameritech Wisconsin simply does not have "excess" revenue to fund this or any other such proposal (Attachment 3, access reductions).
- Wisconsin now has the second lowest access fees in the United States at just over \$.01 per minute (Attachment 4).
- If a proposal before the FCC gets approved, our fees will drop even further. Other existing FCC reforms and plans will continue to result in automatic reductions in the state rates the long distance carriers pay.
- Past history has shown that when given a chance the long distance carriers hold on to the breaks in access charges they receive. Additional reductions will simply subsidize the long distance companies and flow out of state to the detriment of Wisconsin consumers and local phone companies.

### This is anti-business and anti-consumer

- Government should not be in the business of taking money from one part of the telecommunications industry and giving it to another. This bill is not competitively neutral because it financially benefits some companies (i.e. AT&T) while financially harming others such as the local phone companies that are competitors of AT&T.
- Ameritech and the other local telephone companies employ thousands of state residents and pay large amounts of income and property tax in Wisconsin. Why support a bill that

will hurt good Wisconsin businesses? Companies like AT&T are not investing in Wisconsin and employ almost no Wisconsin residents.

- The business community in Wisconsin is opposed to this legislation. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce, Wisconsin Realtors, Wisconsin Grocers, Petroleum Marketers of Association of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association, and the National Emergency Number Association all recognize that the proposal will place pressure on local phone rates and increase the cost of doing business in Wisconsin.
- Consumers should be outraged, too. Hurting the local telephone companies financially will not help consumers. Ameritech, for example, is poised to launch high-speed Internet service this year in Wisconsin and invested \$280 million in capital last year. This bill threatens to financially harm local phone companies, the only telecommunications companies making material investments in the people and the communications infrastructure of Wisconsin.

#### **We support 911 and public safety**

- Ameritech strongly supports public safety. Ameritech has been a leader in enhancing 911. Ameritech has a strong track record of supporting 911 in Wisconsin and this year will deploy numerous product enhancements to improve the performance of existing and future 911 systems.
- Some local governments, because of their financial constraints, are exploring alternative ways pay for the local share of 911 improvements that don't require property tax increases. That's their position, and we're not opposed to that. We've been working with groups around the state to look at alternatives to the 911 issue.
- Ameritech applauds efforts to enhance the state's 911 system, *but let's be clear: Access fees are not the way to go.*