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**PREPARED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF
PAUL MICHAEL ARNOLD
ON BEHALF OF GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY**

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1 **Q. Please state your name.**

2 A. My name is Paul Michael Arnold.

3 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

4 A. I am employed as the Vice-President of Grafton Telephone Company in Grafton,
5 Illinois.

6 **Q. Are you the same Paul Michael Arnold that filed Direct Testimony in this**
7 **doCKET?**

8 A. Yes.

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to give the final recommendations of Grafton
11 Telephone Company.

12 **Q. In your direct testimony did you testify about a calculation of the**
13 **approximate population of Area A and Area B?**

14 A. Yes I did. I concurred in the prefiled Direct Testimony of Eric Schmidt on behalf of
15 Home Telephone Company, which included such a calculation.

16 **Q. Mr. Schmidt in his prefiled Rebuttal Testimony has responded to certain**
17 **calculations by ICC Staff witness Harvey Nelson and has provided some**

1 **additional calculation of population. Do you also concur in Mr. Schmidt's**
2 **Rebuttal Testimony?**

3 A. I have reviewed Eric Schmidt's prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and I think the
4 assumptions that he has made are reasonable. The results of his calculations are
5 consistent with my own calculations.

6 **Q. What have you concluded as a result of these analyses?**

7 A. My original belief that Area A contained the metropolitan population center was
8 confirmed. There are under any of the above described scenarios, Alternative #6,
9 #12, #11 or #9 more population in Area A than in Area B. Since Area A is the
10 metropolitan area it should have the 618 area code.

11 **Q. Have any parties to this proceeding recommended an adoption of a geographic**
12 **split that Grafton cannot accept?**

13 A. Yes. First Cellular, Verizon Wireless and a number of small telephone companies
14 located on the southeast side of the State support Alternative #8. Grafton strongly
15 opposes Alternative #8.

16 **Q. What is your final recommendation to the Commission?**

17 A. The Commission should approve a geographic split based on Alternative Map #6.
18 Given the support by other parties for Alternative #9 (Verizon and Ameritech), #11
19 (Ameritech), and #12 (Staff and Ameritech), I am not opposed to a geographic split
20 based on any of these Alternatives. No matter how the existing 618 area code is
21 split, the Commission should order that Area A (the St. Louis Metro area) be

1 allowed to retain the existing 618 NPA because it is the metropolitan population
2 center and would see a greater impact if required to change its NPA.

3 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

4 **A. Yes.**