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I think you would be interested in the attached article on the Bell System's effort to establish an Information System Access Line (ISAL) tariff in Illinois. The Bell System has been attempting to establish ISAL tariffs or concepts for the last several years. The New England Telephone Co. has, e.g., a clause in its tariff which may foretell an ISAL tariff: "Main PBX telephones or lines associated with customer-provided terminals will be furnished only on the condition that the provision of such service will not cause any disruption or impairment of the quality of PEX telephone service, and where no substantial increase in PBX facilities is required to maintain a good standard of service." (D.P.U.-Mass. No. 10 - Supplement No. 15. Page 57).

ISAL tariffs are being contested because they imply increased rates. Should such tariffs appear in Mass., I would strongly urge their defeat. Failing that, it would seem to me that the proposals for a digital network as proposed by ESL becomes more attractive economically.

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Attachment

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