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STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
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MORRIS W. CARTER
RECORDER
RELEASE OF EASEMENT

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CROSS REFERENCE TO

DOCUMENT NUMBER 483187

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that for value received, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, a.k.a. AMERITECH INDIANA, an Indiana Corporation, Grantee of a certain easement in the real estate located in Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 8 West, Town of Merrillville, County of Lake, State of Indiana, under the terms of a written grant executed by Mercantile National Bank of Indiana as Trustee under Trust Agreement Number 3671 dated January 16, 1978, on June 30, 1978, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana on August 2, 1978, as Document Number 483187, hereby agrees to and hereby does release it's rights in said easement, described as follows:

A strip of land 15 feet in width, located in the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 27; the centerline being described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the east line of said Northeast 1/4, said point being 638.00 feet south of the Northeast corner of said 1/4 section; thence west parallel with the north section line a distance of 154.50 feet (194.50 feet corrected) to the true point of beginning; thence north parallel with the east section line a distance of 181.50 feet.

This release is hereby issued to Estate of Robert S. Rankin, Deceased., their successors and/or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, a.k.a. AMERITECH INDIANA, an Indiana Corporation, has caused this instrument to be executed by it's Manager - Right-of-Way, this 27th day of July, 1999, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED
a.k.a. AMERITECH INDIANA

By: C. S. Mahlke
C. S. Mahlke, Manager - Right-of-Way

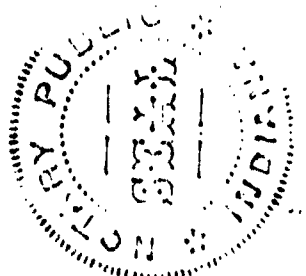
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION



Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, this 27th day of July, 1999, C. S. Mahlke, knows to me to be the Manager - Right-of-Way, of the INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, d/b/a AMERITECH INDIANA, who acknowledged the execution of the above instrument as a voluntary act and deed on behalf of said corporation.

Wm. L. Wermund
Wm. L. Wermund Notary Public
Resident of Marion County, Indiana
My commission expires February 20, 2001

This instrument was prepared by C. S. Mahlke, Manager - Right-of-Way



ADDRESS OF GRANTEE

ADDRESS OF GRANTOR

ESTATE OF ROBERT S. RANKIN, DECEASED
C/O DAVID E. MEARS
3527 RIDGE ROAD
HIGHLAND, INDIANA 46322

AMERITECH - INDIANA
C/O RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
2141 NORTH MITTHOEFFER ROAD
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46229

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