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August 28, 1996

Ms. Ruth Sorensen
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Dear Ruth:

In our telephone conversation of August 22, 1996, you requested copies of Pac Bell's Appraisal Data Reports (ADR) for the years 1992 through 1995.

I contacted our legal staff regarding my ability to release this information. They advised me that because of Revenue and Taxation Code 833 "Information held secret", copy attached, I am generally prohibited from releasing this information. However, Government Code Section 11125.1 provides that documents submitted as exhibits by state assessee, or documents which otherwise became part of the official board hearing records become public information following a board hearing.

Accordingly, the petition for reassessment, notice of unitary value and any supplemental submissions may be released after the hearing. Whether or not the ADR can be released depends on whether it was entered into the public record.

A review of our Board Proceeding's Records indicates that Pac Bell has filed written only petitions for each of the years in question. I have been informed by the Board Proceedings Division that the Pac Bell ADR was submitted only in 1992. Accordingly, I can only release a copy of Pac Bell's 1992 ADR.

The Board Record also contains the Property Taxes Department's recommendations to the Board on the petitions filed by Pac Bell for this period. It my understanding that I may release this information. Accordingly. Attached are staff recommendations related to Pac Bell's petitions for 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and Pac Bell's 1992 ADR.

I you have any questions, please call me at 916-324-0028.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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