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Matt:

As a response back to you from our last conference call on 12-7-07, I am providing this explanation to you of our position in regard to the Springfield LATA as discussed.

Socket has indicated that it is expecting to exchange all traffic between Socket and Spectra for the Springfield LATA at a single point in the Houston exchange. Please note that Spectra, like many other independent incumbent local exchange carriers, does not operate a single interconnected network within each LATA. This is in direct contrast with RBOCs who typically do operate interconnected networks within a LATA.

As a consequence, there is no single point on Spectra's network in the Springfield LATA that would provide access to all Spectra end offices in that LATA. This is because Spectra operates multiple networks in the LATA. For example, Spectra's Mt. Vernon and Houston exchanges are each part of separate Spectra networks. Spectra does not own or operate a physical connection between Spectra's Mt. Vernon exchange (or the network it is part of) and the Houston exchange (or the network it is part of). Therefore if a POI is established at the Houston exchange, at best, Spectra can only provide access to end offices that are included in the Spectra network that Houston is a part of.

Thanks  
Joey