Dissenting Statement of Commissioner James H. Quello In Re: Docket 20418 - Drop-Ins

I believe there is every reason to limit the scope of this proceeding in the interest of expedition if for no other reason. Presumably, the Commission's own analysis of potential drop-in candidates was thorough enough to uncover those few situations which were most likely to survive the close scrutiny we have instituted. The consideration of additional proposals in this proceeding can only cause delay and confusion.

Certainly, the criteria developed as a result of public comment regarding the proposed drop-ins cited in the Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 42 Fed. Reg. 16782; 63 F.C.C. 2d___(1977) would be applicable to future petitions. These criteria would provide the necessary guidance for those who might wish to make additional proposals. Without such guidance, it seems to me that we are merely inviting compliance with standards not yet developed.

Therefore, I dissent.