WHEREAS a recent federal ruling has directed that all coin-operated public pay telephones be configured to allow the public telephone agent to select the long distance company that will handle long distance calls placed from each phone; and

WHEREAS Southwestern Bell Telephone has notified state agencies who are public telephone agents that the agencies must select a long-distance company by January 23, 1989, or a long-distance company will be randomly selected for the agency; and

WHEREAS some of the long-distance companies offer rebates, commission, and surcharge refunds as inducements to selection; and

WHEREAS the Office of Public Affairs has sole and exclusive authority and responsibility for the acquisition of all materials, supplies, equipment, and services acquired, used or consumed by agencies of state government;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Henry Bellmon, by the authority vested in the Office of the Governor by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, due hereby order:

(1) the Office of Public Affairs shall be the sole state agency authorized to enter into any agreement for long-distance service for any public telephone for which any state agency, including any institution of higher education, is the public telephone agent; and

(2) the Office of Public Affairs is authorized to select one long-distance carrier for the next 90 days for all public pay telephones for which any state agency is the public telephone agent; and

(3) the Office of Public Affairs shall conduct a study of the services offered by various long-distance companies through issuing requests for proposals for long-distance carrier service for public pay telephones for which state agencies are public telephone agents, and shall choose a carrier or carriers within the next 90 days; and
(4) any money received by state agencies as public telephone agents from long-distance carriers shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 23rd day of January, 1989.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Henry Bellmon

ATTEST:

Bunye T. Fish
Secretary of State