GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

S 1 SENATE BILL 133* Short Title: Pineville Telephone System. (Local) Sponsors: Senators Odom; and Rucho. Referred to: Commerce. February 17, 1997 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOW THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICES TO THE TERRITORY WITHIN ITS CORPORATE LIMITS AND IN CONTIGUOUS AREAS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE TOWN. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: Section 1. G.S. 62-3(23)f. reads as rewritten: "f. The term 'public utility' shall include the Town of Pineville insofar as said town the Town supplies telephone and telecommunications services to the public for compensation. The territory to be served by the Town of Pineville in furnishing telephone services, subject to the Public Utilities Act, shall include the town limits as they exist on May 8, 1973, and shall also include the area proposed to be annexed under the town's ordinance adopted May 3, 1971, until January 1, 1975. The Town may furnish telephone and telecommunications services to the territory within its corporate limits and contiguous areas in the general vicinity of the Town, subject to the provisions of this

Chapter."

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Section 2. The North Carolina Utilities Commission shall grant a franchise to the Town of Pineville for local exchange and exchange access service in the area within the corporate limits of the Town as they exist on the effective date of this act. The Town shall apply to the Utilities Commission for certificates to provide local exchange service or any other telecommunications services in future annexation areas and areas outside the corporate limits, and to provide regulated services other than local exchange service everywhere.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.