



Federal Excise Tax on Communications Services

In accordance with IRS rules, ECI assesses a 3% excise tax on Local Telephone Service. IRS Form 510 (revised February 2002) indicates that certain services or payments from payphones may be exempt. As the exemption does not apply to all services from payphones, ECI cannot determine whether an exemption may be applicable to your company and/or all your payphone lines. Further, ECI cannot assist you in determining whether your company and/or payphone lines are eligible for exemption. This is a question for your accountant or tax advisor.

ECI provides an Exemption Certificate that you may use to request that ECI not collect the 3% Federal Excise Tax on Local Service provided by ECI to your payphones. Please note that the filing of this form simply requests that ECI not collect these taxes and places the burden of the collection and payment of any taxes due on you as the payphone service provider.

The filing of this form with ECI does not make you exempt from the payment of these taxes.

As with any tax matter, please consult your accountant or tax advisor for advice regarding your tax obligations.

ECI requires that this form be filed annually.



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**SERVICES PROVIDED TO
CUSTOMER OWNED PAY TELEPHONE (COPT)
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

DATE _____

THE UNDERSIGNED COMPANY HEREBY CERTIFIES THE SERVICES FURNISHED TO THEM WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE RENDERING OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE UPON WHICH TAX IS IMPOSED BY SECTION 4251 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT UNDER SECTION 4253(E) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND THE PROVISIONS OF APPLICABLE UTILITY USERS TAX ORDINANCES, NO FEDERAL EXCISE TAX OR UTILITY USERS TAX WILL BE COLLECTED BY ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS ON CHARGES FOR SAID SERVICES, AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNDERSIGNED TO COLLECT ALL SUCH TAXES AS MAY BE DUE FROM ITS CUSTOMERS (UNLESS ITS CUSTOMER IS EXEMPT).

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AUTHORIZE(S) ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN THIS EXEMPTION OR A COPY OF THE FORM TO ANY LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT.

NAME OF COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____