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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1364** Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY RENNINGER, WEIDNER, GALLAGHER, BERLIN, BURNS,  
WRIGHT AND WILSON, JUNE 3, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 4, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the  
2 approval of the Governor and the Chairman of the Delaware  
3 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, to sell and convey to The  
4 Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania a tract of land  
5 located in the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County,  
6 Pennsylvania.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the  
10 approval of the Governor and the Chairman of the Delaware River  
11 Joint Toll Bridge Commission, is hereby authorized on behalf of  
12 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to convey to The Bell Telephone  
13 Company of Pennsylvania, for such consideration as an  
14 independent appraisal obtained through the Department of  
15 Property and Supplies and paid for by the grantee shall  
16 determine and the Attorney General shall approve.

17 All that certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon  
18 erected, situate in the Borough of New Hope, County of Bucks,  
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described according to a Plan of  
20 Survey thereof made by Edward B. Blumrick, Registered Land

1 Surveyor, dated December 2, 1974, as follows to wit:

2 Beginning at a point, a marble monument, found, on the  
3 easterly edge of the tow path of the canal (formerly owned by  
4 the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and now owned by the  
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania), said point also being the  
6 northwesterly corner of lands now or late of Joseph L. Reading;  
7 thence along the easterly side of the tow path and a chain link  
8 fence, north 4 degrees, 30 minutes, 23 seconds west, a distance  
9 of 122.55 feet to a marble monument, found, being also the  
10 southwesterly corner of lands now or later of Walter Bair;  
11 thence along the same and the chain link fence and lands of the  
12 Borough of New Hope, north 89 degrees, 57 minutes, 46 seconds  
13 east, a distance of 197.67 feet to a marble monument, found,  
14 being also the northwesterly corner of lands now or later of  
15 David A. Guttentag; thence along the same and the chain link  
16 fence and lands now or late of Robert W. Hilton and Kenneth  
17 Gibson, south 7 degrees, 23 minutes, 34 seconds east, a distance  
18 of 123.26 feet to a marble monument, found, being also the  
19 northwesterly corner of lands now or late of Hampton Hayes and  
20 the northeasterly corner of a 30 foot wide right-of-way, first  
21 set off in deed of John C. Parry, et ux, to Joseph Lacey, May  
22 31, 1853, said right-of-way leading to the herein described  
23 property from Fisher's Alley; thence still along the chain link  
24 fence, same also being along the northerly end of the said 30  
25 foot right-of-way and adjoining other lands of The Bell  
26 Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the aforesaid lands of  
27 Joseph L. Reading, south 89 degrees, 59 minutes west, a distance  
28 of 203.90 feet to the first mentioned point and place of  
29 beginning.

30 Containing 24,545 square feet of land, more or less. (0.563

1 acres)

2 County parcel number 27-6-92.

3 Together with the free and uninterrupted use of the aforesaid  
4 right-of-way or passage, 30 feet in width, extending over the  
5 aforesaid lands formerly of said John C. Parry and between the  
6 said Hayes' lands and the aforesaid other lands of The Bell  
7 Telephone Company of Pennsylvania; and

8 Together with the rights and privileges of the hereinafter  
9 referred to 12 foot wide road and any extension thereof over  
10 lands contiguous to the hereinbefore described premises, both to  
11 the south and to the north.

12 Being the same premises which Jane Fields, widow, et al, by  
13 deed dated September 9, 1932, and recorded in Bucks County in  
14 Deed Book 621, page 132, conveyed unto the Commonwealth of  
15 Pennsylvania, in fee.

16 Subject to the privilege of a 12 foot wide road over the  
17 westerly side of the above described premises, as contained in  
18 deed from Elias Ely, et ux, dated April 1, 1834, and recorded in  
19 Deed Book 63, page 18.

20 Under and subject, nevertheless, to any and all operative  
21 title restrictions, easements, covenants, servitudes or  
22 conditions of record, or as may be visible upon the property.

23 And the recital of the above mentioned rights shall not be  
24 construed as an acknowledgement of the validity thereof, an  
25 extension thereof or a renewal thereof in the event that they,  
26 or any of them, do not affect the premises hereby conveyed or  
27 have expired or become unenforceable by their own terms or by  
28 limitations, violation or for any other reason.

29 Section 2. The conveyance shall be made together with all  
30 rights and privileges, and under and subject to all operative

1 title restrictions, easements, covenants, servitudes or  
2 conditions of record, or as may be visible upon the property, as  
3 hereinbefore set forth.

4 Section 3. The said land, under such lease agreement between  
5 The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the Borough of  
6 New Hope as shall be mutually acceptable to the parties, shall  
7 be further subject to the unrestricted right to use by the  
8 borough for any municipal purposes for a period of five years  
9 from date of the conveyance provided for herein, and thereafter  
10 until such time as the telephone company requires the property,  
11 or any portion or portions thereof, for its own business  
12 purposes: Provided, however, That the borough shall be  
13 responsible for all taxes on the entirety of said property for  
14 the said five year period, and thereafter for all or such  
15 portion of the taxes as the area of the borough's continued use  
16 of the property bears to the area of the entire property.

17 Section 4. The deed of conveyance shall be approved by the  
18 Department of Justice and shall be executed by the Department of  
19 Property and Supplies in the name of the Commonwealth of  
20 Pennsylvania.

21 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.