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41. If intrastate access charges are reduced and local exchange prices increased in a revenue-neutral manner, does Mr. Dippon believe that there are no efficiency or net consumer welfare gains? Please explain your answer in detail.

**RESPONSE:**

Please refer to Mr. Dippon's testimony in this matter. As Mr. Dippon has repeatedly explained in his filings, pricing elasticity does not provide sufficient recovery for Embarq's regulatory burdens. If regulatory burdens are lifted in their entirety, then Mr. Dippon would agree with this statement.