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April 19, 1996

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Errata To:
CC Docket No. 96-61, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, In the
Matter of Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate,
Interexchange Marketplace

Implementation of Sections 254(g) of the Communications Act of
1934, as amended

Dear Mr. Caton:

In my haste yesterday preparing the materials to file the Alabama Public Service Commission's comments on CC Docket No. 96-61, I discovered today that I had neglected to sign the last page of the comments. I have prepared a duplicate of page eleven with the signature. I ask that you please accept this Errata to the Alabama Public Service Commission's Comments that were sent Federal Express on April 18, 1996 for filing in this docket.

Enclosed please find for filing in the above captioned proceeding, an original and twelve copies of the Errata to the comments of the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Please indicate your receipt of this filing on the additional copy and return to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid, envelope. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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**BEFORE THE
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**COMMENTS OF THE
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unbundling is understandable as opposed to an easily misunderstood signal through bundling of goods and services.

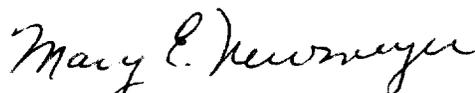
The same basis that applies to the requirements in the 1996 Act to offer interconnection service elements on an unbundled basis applies to the issue of unbundling CPE. The buyer should not have to buy goods or services he does not want or need in order to get either the good or service he wants. The lack of a requirement to offer CPE and interexchange service on an unbundled basis will harm competition and consumers choices not promote them.

We believe that the intent of the 1996 Act is to retain those mechanisms which have promoted competition in the interexchange market not to regress based upon the assumption that competition exists and those mechanisms are no longer useful.

III. Conclusion

The Alabama PSC offers the above comments on issues raised in the NPRM. We support the growth of competition in the interexchange market and other telecommunication markets, but we recognize that competition takes time to develop. We believe that continued oversight and monitoring by regulators is necessary through a transition period to allow competition to develop. Removing requirements too soon will be more of a deterrent to competition than an incentive.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated April 18, 1996