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Mr. William F. Caton  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W. - Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Ex Parte Notice  
CC Docket No. 96-98**

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Thursday, June 20, USTA President and CEO Roy Neel; GTE Corporation Chairman and CEO Chuck Lee; BellSouth Corporation President and CEO Duane Ackerman; U S WEST Communications President Sol Trujillo; Rock Hill Telephone Company CEO Frank Barnes; Elkhart Telephone Company President Bob Boaldin (current USTA Chairman of the Board); met with Chairman Reed Hundt; his Chief of Staff Blair Levin; and Regina M. Keeney, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau.

Mr. Neel and the USTA member company representatives discussed the status of interconnection negotiations; the role of the FCC and the states in implementing the interconnection provisions; and consequences for local exchange carriers of all sizes, and their customers, if the FCC were to incorrectly decide crucial pricing and costing issues in this docket. The discussion was consistent with USTA's filed position in this proceeding.

An original and one copy of this ex parte notice are being filed in the Office of the Secretary. Please include this notice in the public record of these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary McDermott".

Mary McDermott  
Vice President -  
Legal & Regulatory Affairs

cc: R. Hundt  
B. Levin  
R. Keeney

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