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Mr. William F. Caton
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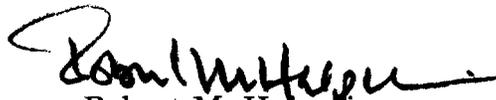
Re: Policy and Rules Concerning Interstate, Interexchange
Marketplace, CC Docket No. 96-61

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is being filed, in duplicate, to report that Marideth J. Sandler, Associate Director of the Washington, D.C. office of the State of Alaska, and Robert M. Halperin, counsel for the State of Alaska, met with Sherille Ismail of the Common Carrier Bureau today to discuss the State of Alaska's positions on rate integration and geographic rate averaging. The State of Alaska reiterated the positions taken in its comments of April 19, 1996, and reply comments of May 3, 1996, including the importance of these policies to the State and its citizens.

In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


Robert M. Halperin

cc: Sherille Ismail, Esq.

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