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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 July 19, 1996, Roy Neel (USTA), Alan Ciamporcero (Pacific Telesis), Larry Sarjeant (U S West), and Dave Markey (BellSouth) met with Commissioner Quello and Pete Belvin, Legal Advisor to the Commissioner.

The USTA group reiterated their position in this docket on the relationship between interconnection, access reform and universal service. They discussed USTA's position on interconnection issues, including unbundled elements, pricing and resale. They talked about the serious problems created if interexchange carriers are permitted to utilize interconnection in lieu of access charges before access reform and the universal service proceeding is complete. The discussion was consistent with comments filed by USTA on Monday, July 8 in this docket; and with USTA's comments and replies filed in May, 1996.

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,

Mary McDermott

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