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**EX-PARTE LETTER**

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

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

JUL 18 1996

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 Blair Levin, Chief of Staff in Chairman Hundt's office, and A. Richard Metzger, Jr., Deputy Chief 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: Blair Levin  
A. Richard Metzger, Jr.

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