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**Re: CS Docket 96-83 -- "Restrictions on Over-the-Air Reception Devices:
Television Broadcast and Multichannel Multipoint Distribution Service"**

On August 5, 1996, I met with Jackie Chorney of Chairman Hundt's office to discuss the Commission's proposal to preempt regulation of MMDS antennae. This discussion was consistent with comments previously filed by Bell Atlantic in the above referenced proceeding. Bell Atlantic believes that it is important for the Commission to establish a broad preemption policy for MMDS antennas to ensure that consumers have a competitive alternative to wired cable systems. Such a policy is necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act.

Due to the time at which this meeting was held, this filing is being made one day late. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to me at (202) 392-6980.



cc: J. Chorney

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