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September 23, 1996

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

**RE: Ex Parte Meeting  
CC Docket 96-149**

Dear Mr. Caton:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission that Carol Bjelland of GTE Service Corporation, Jack Holladay of Rock Hill Telephone, Peggy Rettle of Citizens Telecom, and Todd Colquitt and Jim Lowell of USTA met today with staff of the Policy and Program Planning Division of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau. FCC staff present were Don Stockdale, Craig Brown, Pat DeGraba, Cindy Jackson, and Susan McMaster. We discussed the rules governing the provision of long-distance service by Independent LECs and our oral comments were consistent with those previously submitted in writing by USTA in the above-referenced proceeding.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this notice are being submitted today. Please include it in the public record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Cosson  
Regulatory Attorney

cc: Don Stockdale      Craig Brown  
Pat DeGraba          Cindy Jackson  
Susan McMaster

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