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Re: CC Docket 92-297
“Rules and Policies for Local Multipoint Distribution Service (LMDS)”

Today, John Haring and Jeff Rohlfs of Strategic Policy Research (SPR) and the undersigned met with Mark Bollinger, Susan Magnotti, Jane Phillips, and Walter Strack of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Jim Olson and Tom Koutsky of the Office of General Counsel, and Greg Rosston of the Office of Plans and Policy. The discussion focused on a paper developed by SPR entitled “Economic Disabilities of License Eligibility and Use Restrictions” which was filed by Bell Atlantic as an ex parte on September 12, 1996. The paper concludes that (1) LECs have no incentive to credibly and profitably preempt local exchange competition by acquiring LMDS licenses, (2) there are likely to be significant economies of scale and scope from LEC LMDS operations, and (3) LMDS is most likely to be used as a competitive alternative to incumbent cable companies.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to me on (202) 392-1189.



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