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Acting Secretary
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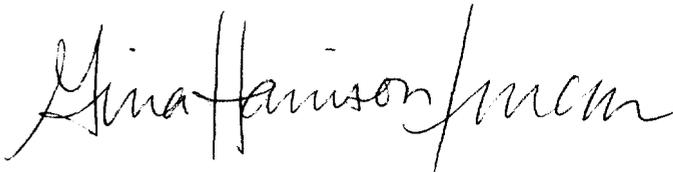
Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: Non-Accounting Safeguards, CC Docket No. 96-149

Yesterday, Robert Petit and Michael Yourshaw of Wiley, Rein & Fielding and I met with Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief, and Linda Kinney of the Policy and Program Planning Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, and Christopher J. Wright, Deputy General Counsel and Marjorie S. Bertman and Debra Weiner of the Office of General Counsel, to discuss the interpretation of Section 271 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and particularly how the First Amendment should apply to this Section. We are submitting two copies of this notice, in accordance with Section 1.206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



cc: M. Bertman
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