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

Re: CC Dkt. No. 96-61: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Monday, January 27, 1997, Dave Ecret, the Special Assistant to the Governor for Telecommunications and Utilities, and myself, counsel for the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Commonwealth"), met with Patrick Donovan of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau to discuss rate integration issues in the above-referenced proceeding which concern the Commonwealth.

During the meeting we generally discussed rate integration issues and addressed the positions the Commonwealth has asserted in this proceeding. We reviewed the upcoming February 1, 1997 filing deadline in CC Docket 96-61, and discussed the possibility of reconvening the Guam/CNMI Working Group to address implementation issues which remain unresolved. In addition, we also addressed the possible implementation of rate integration by telecommunications carriers, concurrent with the Commonwealth's entry into the North American Numbering Plan on July 1, 1997.

This ex parte notice is being filed in the Office of the Secretary on January 28, 1997, and should be included in the public record.

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Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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