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Mr. William F. Caton
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Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, In the Matter of the Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21 and In the Matter of the Universal Service Joint Board CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Caton:

On February 11, 1997, NECA's Chairman of the Board Bill Magruder, President Bruce Baldwin, Vice President and General Counsel Ken Levy and Director of Government Relations Kathryn Falk met with Common Carrier Bureau Chief Regina Keeney and Universal Service Branch Chief Jeanine Poltronieri. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NECA governance issues in CC Docket 97-21 and the letter to Chairman Reed Hundt from NECA President Bruce Baldwin filed in CC Docket 96-45 on January 10, 1997. The letter was also subsequently filed in CC Docket 97-21 on NECA governance issues which was opened later that same day. The NECA letter was also distributed to the CC Docket 96-45 service list.

In the meeting, NECA representatives reviewed the background of the issue and the record in CC Docket 97-21. FCC representatives asked for information on the corporate structure of the universal service administrative company that NECA proposes to establish if appointed temporary administrator of new universal service support programs. NECA responded that this company would be formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary of NECA, that it would have a balanced, representative board based on FCC recommendations and that the subsidiary would have full control over administration of these programs. NECA suggested that the FCC could confirm in its appointment order that the subsidiary was to have full control over administration. This would clearly be specified in corporate documents.

Due to the lateness of the hour we are filing this ex parte with the Commission today. Please acknowledge receipt hereof by affixing a notation on the duplicate copy of this letter furnished herewith for such purposes and remitting same to bearer.

Sincerely,


Kathryn C. Falk

cc: Regina Keeney, Jeanine Poltronieri, Tejal Mehta, Diane Law

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