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Federal Communications Commission
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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation
Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
CC Docket No. 96-128 **Ex Parte**

Dear Mr. Caton:

On April 9, 1997, David Cockcroft and Ben Almond, both of BellSouth Corporation met with Michael Carowitz and Rose Crellin, both of the Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau. BellSouth's representatives indicated that the Commission's Orders (Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration) in the referenced docket were not clear in terms of specifying/requiring that the LECs' existing intrastate tariffs for PTAS and SmartLine services meet the Commission's "new services" test. The company's good faith interpretation was that the "new services" test applied only to new services for federal tariffs.

The representatives indicated that most likely the other LECs in the industry had the same interpretation of the requirement as BellSouth did, until the recent Clarification Order was issued on April 4, 1997.

The representatives discussed the potential time delays and burdens/hurdles the LECs would undergo in order to satisfy this tariff requirement in their respective states. For example, the gathering and analysis of existing and/or updated cost data.

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Please associate this notification with the referenced docket proceeding. This notification is being filed the next day after the meeting due to the late completion of the meeting after 4:00 P.M. on April 9.

Questions concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben G. Almond".

Ben G. Almond
Executive Director-Federal Regulatory

cc: Michael Carowitz
Rose Crellin