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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-262¹-- In the Matter of Access Charge Reform (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking); and CC Docket No. 96-45 -- In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service

Dear Mr. Caton:

On April 25, 1997, George Vradenburg (Senior Vice President and General Counsel) and Jill Lesser (Deputy Director - Legal and Public Policy and General Counsel) of America Online, Inc. ("AOL") and I had a meeting with Commissioner Quello and James R. Coltharp, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Quello, in which we discussed the FCC's Notices in the above-referenced proceedings and the position of AOL as set forth in our written comments.

Specifically, we discussed Section 254(h)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the requirement under that section that advanced services be provided in a competitively neutral manner, including by both telecommunications carriers and non-carriers. In addition, we discussed the potential disproportionate impact on the Internet industry that the imposition of non-cost based access charges on second and multi-line business users would have and the need to adhere to rates and rate structures that are grounded in economic costs.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, two copies of this Notice are attached for inclusion in the public record in the above-captioned proceedings.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DL', written over a horizontal line.

Donna N. Lampert

cc: Commissioner Quello
James Coltharp

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