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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: *In the Matters of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and
Access Charge Reform, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 96-262*

Dear Mr. Caton:

In accordance with the Commission's rules governing *ex parte* presentations, please be advised that yesterday Bill Blase, Alan Ciamporcero, and the undersigned, representing SBC Communications Inc., met with James Schlichting, Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SWBT's stated positions in the above-referenced dockets and its interim access charge reform proposal. In addition, we discussed the access charge reform proposal submitted by Bell Atlantic, NYNEX, and AT&T and recent statements regarding access charge reform made by Chairman Hundt.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd F. Silbergeld".

cc: Mr. James Schlichting