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**BY HAND**

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

Re: CC Docket No. 96-262 -- 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 21, 1997, on behalf of America Online, Inc. ("AOL"), I had a telephone conversation with Thomas Boasberg, Legal Advisor to Chairman Hundt, 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. Due to the religious holiday, this Notice is being filed today.

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,



Donna N. Lampert

cc: Thomas Boasberg

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