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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222
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RE: CC Docket 96-45 and 96-262

Dear Mr. Caton:

On April 29, 1997, Mr. F. Gumper, representing the NYNEX Telephone Companies, met with Mr. T. Boasberg, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Hundt, and Mr. J. Garcia of the Office of Plans and Policy. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the FCC staff's proposal for access reform and universal service. The following areas were addressed:

The universal service fund for schools and libraries can be set at the \$2.25 billion proposed by the Joint Board but for purposes of collecting the necessary fund requirements from rates, the amount collected should correspond to the first year actual claims anticipated as these programs are implemented. Since the actual claims in the start up year would not be expected to reach the \$2.25 level immediately, the difference would be carried over to subsequent years. For planning purposes, NYNEX estimates that the actual claims on the fund to be \$1.25 billion in the first year, 2.25 billion in the second year and 2.75 billion in each of the third and fourth years.

Mr. Gumper also reviewed Bell Atlantic's and NYNEX's efforts to model the FCC Staff's proposal and the effects on the long distance carriers toll customers. Mr. Gumper explained the adjustments to the Staff's proposal that will ameliorate the need for an access rate reduction in July 1, 1997. The adjustments relate to the estimates of actual claims from the education and rural health care portions of the universal service fund and the acceleration of the effective date of the proposed increases in multi-line subscriber line charges. At the request of the Staff, Bell Atlantic and NYNEX will be filing a detailed Ex Parte on April 30, 1997 that will contain the analyses from this effort.

Any questions on the above should be directed to me at either the address or telephone number shown above.

Sincerely,



cc: Mr. T. Boasberg
Mr. J. Garcia

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