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EX PARTE

William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Mail Stop 1170
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: *Access Reform (CC Docket No. 96-262)* and
Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45)

In accordance with the Commission's rules governing *ex parte* communications, please be advised that on May 2, 1997, Alan Ciamporcero and I separately spoke by telephone with Commissioner Rachelle Chong regarding the above-referenced dockets. We specifically addressed the universal service support mechanisms for education and libraries, reiterating our position that: 1) internal connections and Internet should not be included in the list of items eligible for universal service support and 2) our opposition to "rolling over" funds not expended in one year into future periods.

We are submitting two copies of this notice in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me at (202) 383-6429 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jay Bennett
Director, Federal Regulatory Relations

cc: Commissioner Chong

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