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William F. Caton
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Re: CC Docket 96-61; Notice of Ex Parte Meeting

Dear Mr. Caton:

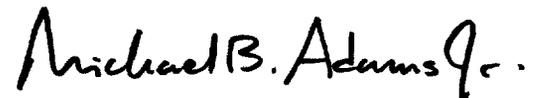
On Tuesday, June 10, 1997, Dave Ecret, the Special Assistant to the Governor for Telecommunications and Utilities, and Thomas K. Crowe, counsel for the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Commonwealth"), met with Troy Tanner, Douglas Klein and Sherille Ismail of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the impact of the new fiber-optic telecommunications cable linking the CNMI and Guam. The participants also provided background information concerning the implementation of rate integration in the Commonwealth and described the Commonwealth's ongoing efforts to insure that rate integration is completed by the Commission's August 1, 1997 deadline.

This ex parte notice is being filed in the Office of the Secretary on June 12, 1997, and should be included in the public record.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Counsel for the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands

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