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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: CC Docket 96-61 and
CCB Pol. 96-18/CC Docket No. 97-134; 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 Daniel Gonzalez, legal advisor to Commissioner Chong, to review matters concerning rate integration and the regulation of incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") which concern the Commonwealth.

During the meeting, the participants discussed matters concerning the implementation of rate integration in the Commonwealth, which is scheduled to occur by August 1, 1997. The participants also discussed the potential qualification of the Commonwealth's local exchange carrier, Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation, as an ILEC for regulatory purposes under Section 251(h) of the 1996 Act. Commissioner Chong's scheduled visit to the Commonwealth to commemorate the Commonwealth's entry into the NANP was also discussed.

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,

Michael B. Adams, Jr.

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Counsel for the Commonwealth of the
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cc: Daniel Gonzalez

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