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Mr. William F. Caton
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Re: Ex Parte Presentation
IB 96-261 International Settlement Rates

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Friday, August 1, 1997 I sent the attached notice to Rudy Baca, Sr. Legal Counsel, Office of Commissioner Quello, with copies to T. Boasberg, Chairman's office; J. Mago, Commissioner Chong's office; and D. Siddall, Commissioner Ness's office .

Two copies of this Notice are being submitted to the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: R. Baca
T. Boasberg
J. Mago
D. Siddall

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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R. Baca

Rudy,

I spoke with our field folks yesterday and they are very concerned about the appearance to foreign countries if there is a delay in the Commission's decision on benchmarks. They believe, and I, too, am convinced, that a delay or any dissension would indicate some weakness in our position and may make it more difficult to achieve timely benchmarks over the years following. Mark Baker, Rick Bailey concur. However, we also agree it is even more important to get this order right - by including switched resale at benchmark for entry by foreign carriers with bottleneck control on their home route.

With your direction, it seems there is still enough time left to get the Bureau to respond to you in time for next week's meeting. We do hope this can be worked out. If you need to reach me today or if I can help, please page me at 1-800-759-8888, Pin #: 292-1102.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy".

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