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September 17, 1997

Mr. William F. Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW - Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Ex Parte Meeting  
CC Docket 96-149**

Dear Mr. Caton:

Today, the United States Telephone Association ("USTA") as represented by Glenn Rabin of ALLTEL, Paul Violette of MCT Telecom, Jim Woody of Union Telephone, and Todd Colquitt of USTA, met with Don Stockdale and Katherine Schroder of the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division. The topic of discussion was the Commission's Second Report and Order in the above-referenced proceeding.

Discussion focused primarily on two issues. The group discussed how the Commission's rules would impact incumbent local exchange carriers providing interexchange service on a resale basis through an affiliate. The group also discussed the effect such rules would have on carriers that have previously provided such service pursuant to dominant regulation. USTA does not believe that requiring the interexchange affiliate to be a separate legal entity, as called for in the Commission's order, is necessary in order to achieve the same degree of competitive safeguards against anti-competitive and discriminatory behavior. USTA's oral comments were consistent with written comments previously submitted by USTA in this proceeding.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this notice are being submitted today. Please include it in the public record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hance Haney".

Hance Haney  
Counsel and Director, Legal and Regulatory Affairs

cc: Don Stockdale  
Katherine Schroder

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