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Mr. William Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Ex Parte in CC Docket 97-208

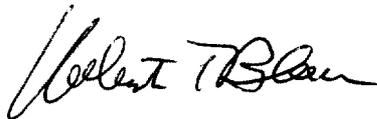
Dear Mr. Caton:

This is to inform you that on November 17, 1997, F. Duane Ackerman, Kathleen Levitz, and the undersigned, all of BellSouth, met with Commissioner Tristani and Paul Gallant of the Commission.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Mr. Ackerman, BellSouth's Chief Executive Officer, to Commissioner Tristani. During the meeting, Mr. Ackerman also discussed BellSouth's Section 271 petition for South Carolina and why its approval by the Commission would prompt competitive local exchange carriers to provide local telephone service to residential customers and otherwise serve the public interest.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this notice are being filed with the FCC. Please associate this notification with the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Blau

cc: Commissioner Tristani  
Paul Gallant

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