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Re: Ex Parte Presentation
CC Dkt. No. 96-45 (Report to Congress)

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is to notify you that Barbara Dooley, of the Commercial Internet eXchange Association ("CIX"), Ronald Plessner and I met today with Melissa Waksman (CCB), Pam Gallant (CCB), Ken Doroshov (OGC), and Jon Weinberg (OPP). During the meeting, we discussed Commercial Internet eXchange's ("CIX") position on USF issues and the Commission's upcoming Report to Congress. Consistent with its prior presentations on USF filed in the above-captioned docket, CIX believes that the Commission correctly found that Internet Service Providers are not obligated to pay directly into the USF contribution mechanism. As end-user purchasers of telecommunications, however, Internet service providers ultimately bear the costs of USF programs. On USF funding for "advanced services," CIX believes that the most appropriate course is to provide explicit subsidies for the underlying *telecommunications services* that facilitate the offering of Internet access services of any provider on a "competitively neutral" basis.

During the meeting, CIX provided the Commission staff with the attached CIX membership brochure. An original and two copies of this letter is transmitted herewith

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for inclusion in the above-referenced dockets. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


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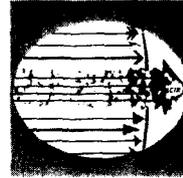
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To the industry...

The Internet has emerged as a core element of the global information infrastructure. There are serious issues that remain to be resolved, such as:

- Concerns regarding decency, privacy and copyright liability that have taken on global proportions with passionate interested parties
- Quality of Service
- Legislative and regulatory constraints that vary from country to country
- Unequal development of the global Internet infrastructure
- National interests that must be protected while global interests are addressed

Many national and international forums are addressing these issues and where they are, CIX is a notable presence.

CIX members have taken a stand for an open, competitive, and self-regulated global commercial Internet.

The role of CIX is to break through the barriers that are in the way of this progress. In 1997 we will be addressing critical questions, such as:

Who makes the rules?

What are the rules?

How will the rules be enforced?

CIX represents the interests of Internet access and service providers around the world. Since its inception in 1991, CIX has grown into a powerful voice of this maturing industry.

Robert D. Collet
Chairman of the Board
Commercial Internet eXchange



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Why does the ISP industry need CIX®?

Phase 3: Mission

CIX facilitates the profitability and utility of the ISP industry by:

- promoting Internet relevant policy forums and markets
- encouraging Internet universal connectivity
- disseminating information on industry growth and responsiveness
- working to maximize the social benefits of the Internet and seeking fair commercial environments

What does CIX® do for the ISP industry?

Phase 1: Mission

CIX provides a commercial interconnection point alternative to the NSF backbone in the US.

- **CIX** establishes an exchange point in California
- **CIX** files to become trade association for ISPs

CIX participates in industry events around the world:

- NANOG (North American Network Operator's Group)
- RIPE (Réseau IP Européens)
- IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
- ISOC (Internet Society)
- NSF (National Science Foundation)
- FARNET (Federation of American Research Networks)
- MIT's Internet Economics Forums
- Harvard University's Information Infrastructure Project

CIX helps US transition to the privatized commercial Internet

- **CIX tra** becomes international ISP newsletter
- **CIX** becomes recognized voice of ISPs before US Congress and FCC
- **CIX** develops specifications for Internet Registry Tool Set
- **CIX** prepares industry White Papers

CIX achieves NGO observer status with WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization); attends Diplomatic Conference on copyright in Geneva

CIX sponsors

- APPLe (Asia Pacific Policy and Legal) Working Group, Montreal
- APPLe, Singapore
- APRICOT (Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operation Technology), Singapore
- Asia Telecom@Internet 96, Hong Kong
- TeleCompetition '96, Washington DC
- Coordination and Administration of the Internet, Harvard University
- Telecom@Internet II, Geneva
- Spring Internet World, San Jose, California
- Fall Internet World, New York
- NANOG, Washington DC
- Next Generation Telephony, Washington DC
- **CIX** presents at OECD (Organization of Economically Developed Countries) Conference, Dublin
- **CIX** NAP moves to Digital Internet Exchange facility in Palo Alto, CA
- **CIX** member meetings in Montreal, Washington DC, and Berlin

Phase 2: Mission

CIX actively promotes regulatory government policy and legal frameworks for an open and competitive ISP industry.

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CIX Global Initiatives

CIX continues to represent its members' interests globally (OECD, WIPO, G7 and the European Commission, as well as the FCC in the US) on the growing range of ISP industry concerns.

Public Policy Issues

Electronic Commerce, Property Rights, Indecency, Defamation, Data Privacy, Encryption, Restraint of Trade

Legislative

Internet Taxes, Property Rights, Databases, Copyright, Content Regulation

Courts

Decisions and Rulings with broad application

Internet Infrastructure

Governance, Coordination, Funding, Internet Technical Standards, Quality of Service

Regulatory

Access Charges, Universal Service, Interconnection

CIX NAP

Co-located with the Digital Internet Exchange in Palo Alto, California

Member Benefits

- Industry Newsletter (*CIX tra*)
- Market Research and Reports
 - Global ISP Infrastructure Survey and Analysis
 - Electronic Commerce and the ISP Industry
- Policy and Management Committees
 - Telecommunications, Internet Governance, Intellectual Property, Privacy and Security, Infrastructure, Quality of Service
- Membership Meetings and Workshops
- Valuable Special-offers for CIX members only

