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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-262 Access Reform

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday, January 22, 1998 representatives of the United States Telephone Association (USTA) met with James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness. Representing USTA were Dr. Richard Schmalensee, MIT; Dr. William Taylor, National Economic Research Association; Bob McDonnell, Bell Atlantic; Whit Jordan, BellSouth; and, Frank McKennedy, USTA.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the economic basis for the granting of interstate access pricing flexibility for the local exchange carriers (ILECs), as set out in the paper prepared by Dr.'s Schmalensee and Taylor titled, "The Need for Carrier Access Pricing Flexibility in Light of Recent Marketplace Developments." This paper was previously filed with the FCC ex parte by USTA in this proceeding. (See USTA ex parte filing dated January 16, 1998 and attachment.)

An original and one copy of this letter are being filed today in the Office of the Secretary. Please include this letter in the public record of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank McKennedy
Director, Legal and Regulatory Affairs

cc: James Casserly

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