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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of SecretaryMs. Magalie Roman Salas  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554ORAL EX PARTE  
PRESENTATIONRe: CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 4, 1998, the undersigned; Thomas Keane, Chairman of the American Public Communications Council ("APCC"); Barry Selvidge, Bruce Renard and Tammy Martin, members of the APCC Board of Directors, met with Glenn Reynolds of the Common Carrier Bureau and Mary Beth Richards, Deputy Managing Director of the FCC, to discuss developments in the above-referenced docket.

Specifically, APCC discussed possible options for the Commission to take to ensure that independent payphone providers ("IPPs") receive the compensation payments to which they are entitled, pursuant to the Communications Act and the Commission's rules, for originating dial-around calls from their payphones. APCC noted that, under the terms of a Common Carrier Bureau waiver, per-call tracking capabilities will not be in place at least until March 9, 1998.

APCC expressed concern that carriers unable to track payphone call prior to March 9, 1998, would not know how much to pay IPPs unless the Commission acted immediately to reallocate among these carrier-payers the monthly flat-rate per payphone that IPPs would receive during the waiver period in lieu of per-call compensation. APCC emphasized that without a reallocation of the flat-rate compensation amount, carrier-payers unable to determine their specific compensation obligations may not pay the IPPs at all. This lack of payment threatens the continued growth and viability of the IPP industry.

Very truly yours,



Albert H. Kramer

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cc: Mary Beth Richards  
Glenn ReynoldsNo. of Copies rec'd 041  
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