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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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**Re: NSD File No. L-98-03, CC Docket No. 96-98**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Bell Atlantic is filing this ex parte to provide additional information related to the above captioned proceeding. Attached is a letter from Paul Crotty-Group President, Bell Atlantic-New York (BA-NY) to the New York Public Service Commission concerning BA-NY's commitment to begin interim number pooling for the 212 area code.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

*Marie Breslin*

Attachment

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Lawrence G. Malone  
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Dear Mr. Malone:

Attached is a copy of a letter we are filing with the Federal Communication Commission regarding our commitment to make up to (45) vacant 1000 number blocks available in the interim 212 area code number pool. Bell Atlantic-New York (BA-NY) should continue to be assigned NNX codes by the Code Administrator in accordance with current assignment guidelines.

In this letter we inform the FCC of our intention to fully participate in number pooling when remaining issues are resolved and development work complete. We expect this to occur by April 1, 1999, subject to a number of factors, many of which are beyond BA-NY's control. BA-NY's efforts in this regard will be expensive and are therefore contingent upon the establishment of a feasible cost recovery mechanism.

It is important to note that the adoption of the interim number pooling method, which is based on the technical information that was available when our staffs met on March 11, 1998, is accompanied by the possibility that errors can occur that would result in the same telephone number being used by two carriers. This condition would be undetectable by either carrier and could cause call routing errors. BA-NY will take all possible precautions to avoid this condition. An automated, fail-safe method of preventing/detecting this occurrence will be developed and implemented with long term number pooling, but is not yet available.

Please contact me with any comments you have on the attached letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul A. Crotty" followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul A. Crotty

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