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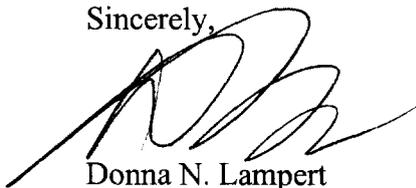
Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 -- Universal Service - Report to Congress

Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 6, 1998, George Vradenburg (Vice President - General Counsel) and Steven Teplitz (Senior Counsel - Law and Public Policy) of America Online, Inc., and I met with John Nakahata (Chief of Staff) and Thomas Power (Legal Advisor), both of Chairman Kennard's Office, to discuss to the above-referenced docket. The discussion reflected the written comments filed by America Online, Inc. in the above-referenced docket. In addition, we discussed the negative impact the FCC's conclusions regarding voice on the Internet services could have on above-cost international accounting rates and related pending litigation. We also discussed the need for a monitoring and compliance mechanism for universal service to allow the FCC to ensure the sufficiency of the fund.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, two copies of this Notice are attached for inclusion in the public record in the above-captioned proceedings. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Donna N. Lampert

cc: John Nakahata
Thomas Power

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