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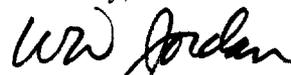
Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 96-262

Dear Ms. Salas:

Today, Bob Blau, Ward White and the undersigned, all representing BellSouth, met with Commissioner Furchgott-Roth and Kevin Martin, Jim Casserly from Commissioner Ness's office, Kyle Dixon from Commissioner Powell's office and Paul Gallant from Commissioner Tristani's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss alternative methods for recovering universal service fund contributions as proposed by the Common Carrier Bureau in recent contacts. In the meeting, BellSouth urged the Commission to develop a comprehensive plan for the recovery of all universal service contributions including high cost assistance, and to not address alternative recovery methods on a piecemeal basis. BellSouth stressed the need for the Commission to consider any changes to the current recovery methods in the context of a rulemaking proceeding. Finally, BellSouth pointed out to the Commission that there should be no linkage between the funding for the schools and libraries and rural health programs and access charge reductions.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Commissioner Furchgott-Roth
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