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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-262 Access Reform, CC Docket No. 96-45/Universal Service

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Friday, May 29, 1998, Robert McDonnell, Bell Atlantic, Jay Bennett, SBC, Peter Martin, BellSouth, Mike Alarcon and Toni Alessi, Ameritech, John Kure, U S West, and, Frank McKennedy and Linda Kent, United States Telephone Association (USTA), all representing USTA, met by conference call with Rich Lerner of the FCC's Competitive Pricing Division. James Schlichting, Deputy Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau also joined Mr. Lerner briefly.

The conference call discussion related to an FCC Staff request for USTA Price Cap ILEC members reactions to an FCC proposal to recover the ILEC-only USF contribution for the High Cost Fund, the Lifeline program, the Schools and Library fund and the Rural Health Care fund through an increase in the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) instead of an exogenous cost adjustment to ILECs interstate access rates, and to respond to a May 19, 1998 ex parte filed in CC Docket No. 96-45, Universal Service, by AT&T regarding the same subject. Generally the USTA representatives listened to Mr. Lerner's description of the FCC proposal and discussed possible issues regarding implementation issues.

Two copies of this notice are being filed in the Office of the Secretary. Please include them in the public record of these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank McKennedy".

Frank McKennedy
Director, Legal & Regulatory Affairs

cc: Rich Lerner