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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
1919 M. Street, NW Room 200  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex parte - CC Docket No. 96-262 (Access Charge Reform)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On May 27, 1998, Joel Lubin, of AT&T, and I met Commissioner Furchgott-Roth and Kevin Martin, Legal Advisor to the Commissioner. During our meeting, we reviewed the economic implications of various alternatives for funding universal service programs as summarized in the chart attached to the enclosed ex parte, filed by AT&T on May 22, 1998. We reiterated that there are a number of variables and approaches that could effect the size of the fund, the size of any line item charges, and the way in which those charges are recovered. We took no position on the alternatives that were discussed.

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Two copies of this Notice are being submitted to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert M. Lewis".

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Furchgott-Roth

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Dear Ms. Salas:

Today, Joel Lubin, of AT&T, and I met with Jim Schlichting of the Common Carrier Bureau. At the request of the Bureau, we met to discuss hypothetical alternative approaches that could be considered for the assessment and collection of contributions to support the universal service funds. During our discussion, we reviewed the economic implications of various alternatives as summarized in the enclosed chart. We reiterated that there are a number of variables and approaches that could effect the size of the fund, the size of any line item charges, and the way in which those charges are recovered. We took no position on the alternatives that were discussed.

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### Line-based Recovery of USF

|  | S&L/RHC funding per quarter |         |         |         |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | \$525M                      | \$550M  | \$587M  | \$662M  |
| 1 All S&L/RHC per all lines                              | \$ 0.76                     | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.85 | \$ 0.96 |
| 2 Total USF (S&L,RHC,HCF,LL) per line                    | \$ 1.55                     | \$ 1.59 | \$ 1.64 | \$ 1.75 |
| 3 Current revenue-based assessment                       |                             |         |         |         |
| A. IXC Residence S&L/RHC per residence line              | \$ 0.29                     | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.36 |
| B. IXC Residence USF (S&L,RHC,HCF,LL) per residence line | \$ 0.89                     | \$ 0.90 | \$ 0.92 | \$ 0.96 |
| 4 ILEC flowback of USF in access per line (all lines)    | \$ 0.51                     | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.61 |
| 5 Total (3B + 4)   | \$ 1.40                     | \$ 1.43 | \$ 1.48 | \$ 1.57 |

#### Notes

- (1),(2) Lines equal 231M (includes wireless; excludes pagers of approximately 45M)
- (3) Residence lines for second half of 1998 projected to be 118M
- (4) Residence and business lines for second half of 1998 projected to be 178M
- (5) Lifeline lines of 6 to 7M included in above line estimates.