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Re: CC Docket Nos. 94-1, 96-45, 96-262 and 98-77

Dear Ms. Roman-Salas:

On June 29, 1998, the undersigned and Linda Kent, Associate General Counsel, United States Telephone Association (USTA), met with James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Susan Ness, to discuss matters concerning the above-referenced proceedings.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, two copies of the attached summary of the presentation are being submitted to your office for filing in each of the referenced proceedings. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary of Ex Parte Presentation
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On June 29, 1998, Linda Kent, Associate General Counsel, United States Telephone Association (USTA) and Lawrence E. Sarjeant, Vice President Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel, USTA, met with James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Susan Ness. The issues discussed are summarized as follows:

1. As to the implementation of universal service programs, implementation of the fund for high cost support should be the Commission's first priority. Specific to the implementation of the fund for high cost assistance for non-rural companies, it is important that the Commission act expeditiously to implement the program and meet its self-imposed deadline of January 1, 1999. To the extent that matters are referred to the Federal-State Joint Board, every effort should be made to promote prompt action and expeditious return of the matter to the Commission for final action.

2. With respect to interstate access charges for price cap ILECs, the Commission should stay the course with respect to the market-based approach to regulating access charges and should move quickly to provide price cap ILECs with access charge pricing flexibility. The Commission should not retrench and move back to a prescriptive approach to access charge regulation. The Commission should not act precipitously in attempting to lower access charges. Any action taken by the Commission with respect to price caps must consider recent competitive developments, such as Sprint's ION network and AT&T's acquisition of TCI.