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**Re: Petition of Ameritech Corporation, CC Docket No. 98-32**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of the Internet Service Providers' Consortium (ISP/C), and pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, I am filing the original and one copy of this letter to report an oral ex parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

Yesterday the undersigned met with Carol Matthey, Chief, and Melissa Newman, Deputy Chief, of the Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Accompanying me were Deb Howard, Executive Director and Chair of the Board of ISP/C, and Roxanna Loveday, Vice President of ISP/C.

The petitions referenced above seek authority for the Petitioner, an RBOC, to construct and operate an Internet backbone facility free of most of the pro-competitive regulation applicable to other ILEC services.

During the meeting, the ISP/C representatives explained that an unconditioned grant of the petition would offer the RBOC a new opportunity to discriminate improperly against independent Internet service providers (ISPs) and in favor of the petitioner's own ISP operations. ISP/C's concerns about such discrimination are well founded in the Petitioner's past anticompetitive behavior against independent ISPs. ISP/C urges the Commission not to grant the petition unless the RBOCs are required to provide independent ISPs with Internet backbone services of the same quality, and on the same rates, terms, and conditions, as it provides to its own ISP operations.

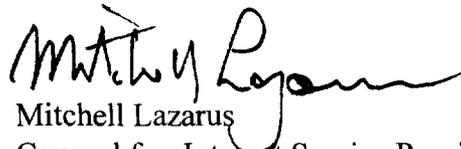
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If there are any questions about this filing, please call me directly at the number above.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Lazarus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mitchell" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Lazarus".

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