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Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Magalie Roman-Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Rm. 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Dear Ms. Roman-Salas:

On July 2, 1998, the undersigned and Linda Kent, Associate General Counsel, United States Telephone Association (USTA), met with Paul Gallant, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Gloria Tristani, 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.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Sarjeant

Lawrence E. Sarjeant
Vice President Regulatory Affairs & General Counsel

cc w/att: Paul Gallant

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**Summary of Ex Parte Presentation
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On July 2, 1998, Linda Kent, Associate General Counsel, United States Telephone Association (USTA) and Lawrence E. Sarjeant, Vice President Regulatory Affairs & General Counsel, USTA, met with Paul Gallant, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Gloria Tristani. The issues discussed are summarized as follows:

1. As to the implementation of universal service programs and 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.