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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

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Re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; CC Docket No. 96-98; CCB/CPD No. 97-30

Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 20, 1998, Mr. Robert Taylor and Mr. John Barnicle of Focal Communications, and myself on behalf of ALTS, spoke to Mr. Paul Gallant of Commissioner Tristani's office concerning Focal's operations in general, and the issue of reciprocal compensation for local calls to ISPs in particular. We emphasized that current interconnection contracts are legally binding arrangements that were largely sought and obtained by the incumbents in their current form, and that any asserted policy defects in those arrangements could be addressed upon their expiration through negotiations, arbitrations, and state decisions.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Metzger

cc: P. Gallant

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