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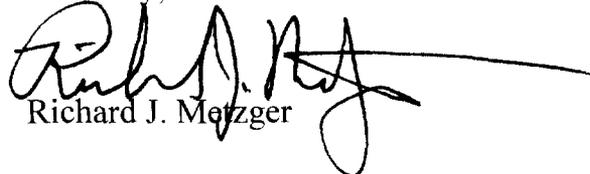
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Re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; CC Docket No. 96-98; CCB/CPD No. 97-30

Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 21, 1998, Mr. Robert Taylor of Focal Communications, and Emily Williams and myself on behalf of ALTS, spoke to Ms. Jane Jackson, Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, as well as Ed Krachmer and Tamara Preiss of the Division, 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,


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cc: J. Jackson
E. Krachmer
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