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Magalie Roman Salas
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1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222
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Re: SBC Petition for Relief from Regulation Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act and 47 U.S.C. Section 160 for ADSL Infrastructure and Service (CC Docket No. 98-91); Association for Local Telecommunications Carriers Petition for Declaratory Ruling Section 706 (CC Docket No. 98-78); Petition of APT Requesting Issuance of Notice of Inquiry and NPRM to Implement Section 706 (RM-9244, CCB/CPD 98-15); Petition of Bell Atlantic Corp. for Relief from Barriers to Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Services (CC Docket No. 98-11); Petition of Ameritech Corp. for Relief from Barriers to Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Services (CC Docket No. 98-36); Petition of US West Communications Inc. for Relief from Barriers to Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Services (CC Docket No. 98-26)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 24, 1998, Jonathan Sallet discussed the Section 706 petitions filed by various parties with Robert Pepper. In particular, MCI discussed the separate subsidiary proposal raised by Ameritech in its petition and certain issues that MCI is concerned have not been adequately addressed in the record with respect to a section 272 affiliate. MCI also discussed its views on the Commission's authority to grant the forbearance from sections 251 and 271 of the Act at this time.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this notice are being submitted to the Secretary.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Pepper