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**EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

August 20, 1998

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

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation  
CC Docket No. 97-213

Dear Ms. Salas:

On August 19, 1998, Roy Neel, President and CEO of the United States Telephone Association (USTA), talked to Dan Connors, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Susan Ness, regarding the above-referenced docket. Consistent with USTA's position, Mr. Neel explained that USTA's members companies require a two year extension of the October 25, 1998 compliance date for implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA).

As Mr. Neel explained, such an extension is necessary because no manufacturers anticipate having a complete solution generally available for all switch platforms which implements the interim industry standard until at least 2000. Mr. Neel explained that after that time wireline carriers will need an additional twelve months to make a generic switch upgrade. More time may be necessary if hardware and/or additional generic upgrades are required in a particular switch.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and two copies of this letter are enclosed for inclusion in the public record.

Sincerely,

Linda Kent  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Dan Connors

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