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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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

Re: Ex parte, CC Docket No. 98-11, Emergency Petition of Bell Atlantic-West Virginia for Interim Relief Under Section 706

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Bell Atlantic's Reply Comments in the above-captioned proceeding claim to demonstrate AT&T's lack of capacity in West Virginia by pointing the Commission to a T3 circuit we are providing for West Virginia University's connection to an Internet2 gigaPOP in Pittsburgh. Bell Atlantic's Reply apparently seeks to insinuate that AT&T is unable to meet its customers' needs by complaining that AT&T's comments state only that the T3 connection is "scheduled to come on line later this year."¹ In fact, the turn-up date for this circuit was set in response to the University's request,² and AT&T expects to deliver this T3 on time.

AT&T again urges the Commission to dismiss the Bell Atlantic Petition forthwith. Two copies of this letter are enclosed, in accordance with Section 1.1206(a) of the Commission's Rules.

Sincerely,

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¹ Bell Atlantic Reply, p. 7 (quoting AT&T's Comments, p. 6).

² See Letter from Tim Williams, Director Telecommunications & Information Technology Business Office, West Virginia University, to Rick Boggess, AT&T Corp., July 28, 1998 (attached).



Telecommunications & Information Technology Business Office

West Virginia University

July 28, 1998

Mr. Rick Hoggess
AT & T
816 Lee Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Rick,

West Virginia University is requesting a DS-3 connection from its Morgantown Campus to the Pittsburgh Super Computer Center at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. This will enable WVU to be connected to Internet 2 and the Abilene networks.

In addition, we will need the capability to upgrade the connection to OC-3 in the near future.

We are requesting this connection to be operational by December 1, 1998. Additional details and exact site location will follow. Please respond that this connection will be available by the date needed.

If you have any questions or need additional information do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Williams'.

Tim Williams
Director

CC: Dave Swartz
Virgil Boerio
Jeff Fritz