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

Re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; CC Docket No. 96-98; CCB/CPD No. 97-30; CC Docket Nos. 98-79; 98-161; 98-103

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 24, 1998, Bob Taylor of Focal Communications, Steve Chrust, Chairman of ALTS, and myself spoke to Jim Casserly of Commissioner Ness's office concerning the issue of reciprocal compensation for local calls to ISPs. 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. In particular, we discussed the need for the Commission to make clear its intention not to address any reciprocal compensation issues for dial-up calls to ISPs in any of the current proceedings dealing with the DSL tariffs that have been filed by the ILECs.

Sincerely,

cc: J. Casserly

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