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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 96-198 - In the Matter of Implementation of Section
255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 15, 1998, representatives of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) met separately with Paul Misener of the Office of Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Peter Tenhula of the Office of Commissioner Michael Powell regarding the above-captioned proceeding. The discussions covered issues addressed in TIA's comments and reply comments previously filed in the docket.

An original and one copy of this letter are submitted and copies have been forwarded to the Commission staff mentioned above, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1208(b)(2). If you have any questions about this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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