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March 26, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte, CC Docket 96-61, Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, and Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended.

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday, March 25, 1999, Mark Rosenblum, Roy Hoffinger, and I, all of AT&T, met with Christopher Wright and Richard Welch of the Office of the General Counsel, and Lawrence Strickling, Robert Atkinson, Carol Matthey, and Jane Jackson of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss matters related to the captioned proceeding. In particular, as reflected in AT&T's prior submissions in this proceeding, we discussed the costs and difficulties of mandatory detariffing, particularly as related to mass market offerings, and the practical difficulties that detariffing poses to the enforcement of federal nondiscrimination and other requirements. As also reflected in AT&T's prior submissions in this proceeding, we discussed how the costs of mandatory detariffing could be avoided through permissive detariffing, and we reviewed the analysis that, under a permissive detariffing regime, a carrier could not invoke the filed rate doctrine to make unilateral charges to the terms of an unfiled written agreement with a customer. The AT&T representatives also stated that the Commission could further assure this result under a permissive detariffing regime by requiring carriers that opt to file tariffs to include provisions in those tariffs disclaiming any perceived right to invoked the filed rate doctrine. There was no discussion of the matters listed on the Commission's Meeting Agenda for its March 18, 1999 Open Meeting.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Cant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

cc: C. Wright  
R. Welch  
L. Strickling  
R. Atkinson  
C. Matthey  
J. Jackson