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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation in WT Docket No. 96-198

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Wednesday, 7 July 1999, Marc Berejka of Microsoft Corporation, and undersigned counsel for Microsoft, met with Peter Tenhula of Commissioner Powell's office in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

Microsoft suggested that the Commission's Order adopting regulations to implement Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 should explicitly exclude equipment, such as computers, that are *used primarily to provide information services*. It should also explicitly exclude software that is not "integral" to the provision of telecommunications services over telecommunications and customer premises equipment. In particular, Microsoft suggested that the Order should plainly say that all computer software, regardless of function, is excluded from these regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott", written in a cursive style.

Scott Blake Harris

cc: Peter Tenhula

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