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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets, WT Docket No. 99-217;
Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket
No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule-making released on July 7, 1999, regarding forced access to buildings. Action by the FCC regarding access to private property by large numbers of communications companies may inadvertently, and unnecessarily adversely, affect the conduct of our business and needlessly raise additional legal issues.

My company, Frye Properties, owns and/or manages multi-family housing and we are very much aware of the importance of telecommunication services and amenities in the attraction and retention of residents. We do not believe that the FCC needs to take action in this area because we are already doing everything we can to meet our residents' needs for access in this area. The FCC's request for comments also raises issues concerning nondiscriminatory access to private property, expansion of the scope of existing easements and many related concerns, including the expansion of the satellite dish rules to include non-video services. We oppose the existing rule concerning satellite dishes, as we do not believe Congress meant to interfere with management of our property. Simply stated, owners must retain control over their property.

We urge the FCC to carefully consider our views prior to taking action on these issues.

Very truly yours,

Hugh E. Forehand
President

Enclosures (Original and 6 copies)

cc: Senator John Warner
Senator Charles Robb
Congressman Owen Pickett
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