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Magalie Roman Salas  
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**Re: *Ex Parte Presentations in FCC Docket 99-200***  
***Notice of Proposed Rulemaking***  
***In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization***

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the People of the State of California submit for filing this summary of recent ex parte communications with FCC personnel. The details of the communications are set forth below.

- 1) On Friday, July 16, 1999, several members of the CPUC's numbering staff met in San Francisco with Blaise Scinto, Deputy Chief of the Network Services Division of the Common Carrier Bureau. CPUC staff present for the meeting were staff analysts Risa Hernandez, Mary Jo Borak, and Eleanor Szeto, as well as staff attorney Helen Mickiewicz. Also in attendance was Elizabeth Nzagi, a visiting general counsel of Tanzania. During the meeting, the CPUC staff expressed California's concerns about three aspects of the NPRM. The CPUC staff explained the difficulties associated with consolidating rate centers in California, and specifically urged the FCC not to require states to consolidate rate centers before a state commission is authorized to implement number pooling options. Further, the CPUC staff explained how important 1,000-block pooling is in California's efforts to slow the drain on the state's public numbering resources. Finally, the CPUC staff expressed strong opposition to the FCC's proposal to allow carriers to choose which optimization strategies they wish to employ. California considers "carrier choice" to be tantamount to no action whatsoever by the FCC to control waste of numbers.
- 2) On Monday, July 19, 1999, FCC Commissioner Susan Ness met with CPUC President Richard E. Bilas at the CPUC in San Francisco. Also present were Comr. Ness'

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advisor, Linda Kinney, Pres. Bilas' advisor, Lester Wong, CPUC staff attorney Helen Mickiewicz, and CPUC staff analyst Risa Hernandez. In the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, President Bilas and CPUC staff expressed the same concerns set forth in item 1 of this letter.

- 3) On Monday, July 26, 1999, CPUC staff attorney Helen Mickiewicz engaged in a telephone conversation with Ana Gomez, Chief of the Network Services Division. In the course of the conversation, and at the request of Ms. Gomez, Ms. Mickiewicz explained the CPUC's purpose in seeking a waiver of the FCC's rule prohibiting service-specific or technology-specific overlays. In particular, Ms. Mickiewicz said that, if the CPUC were authorized to implement a technology- or service-specific overlay, California would anticipate creating an "expanded" overlay, covering several existing area codes with one area code dedicated to, for example, wireless services. Ms. Mickiewicz also stated that, in order for such an overlay to be an effective means of managing numbering resources, some customers' numbers may have to change as their service is relocated to a new, dedicated area code.

Thank you for your assistance in making these materials part of the record. A copy of this letter is also being filed electronically with the FCC.

Sincerely,



Helen M. Mickiewicz  
Senior Staff Counsel

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