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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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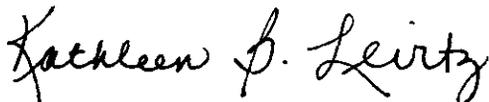
Re: CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

On August 12, 1999, Robert Blau, Jonathan Banks, and I, representing BellSouth, met with Lawrence Strickling, Chief of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, Robert Atkinson, Deputy Chief of that Bureau, and Jake Jennings of that Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division. During the meeting we discussed the written ex parte filed by BellSouth on August 9, 1999. That ex parte discussed the circumstances under which the availability of network elements may be lawfully restricted.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2), I am filing two copies of this notice in the docket identified above. If you have any questions concerning this, please call me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Lawrence Strickling
Robert Atkinson
Jake Jennings

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