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

Re: *CC Docket 96-262 (Access Charge Reform)*
CC Docket 94-1 (Price Cap Performance Review)
CC Docket 96-45 (Universal Service)
CC Docket 99-249 (Low-Volume Long Distance Users)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On August 27, 1999, Robert Blau and Whit Jordan (of Bell South), Jay Bennett (of SBC), Alan Ciamporcero (of GTE), Frank Gumper (of Bell Atlantic), Joel Lubin (of AT&T), Pete Sywenki and Richard Juhnke (of Sprint) and John Nakahata (representing the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service ("CALLS")) met with the following members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service: Ms. Julia Johnson, Commissioner of the Florida Public Service Commission; Mr. Pat Wood, Chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission; Ms. Laska Schoenfelder, Commissioner of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission; and Ms. Martha Hogerty, Missouri Public Counsel. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Philip McClelland, Pennsylvania Office of the Consumer Advocate. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the integrated universal service and interstate access charge reform proposal submitted by CALLS to the FCC on July 29, 1999, and why expeditious implementation of that plan is in the public interest.

The points made during this meeting by CALLS and its member companies were those contained in the Memorandum in Support of the CALLS Proposal, filed by letter in the above captioned dockets on August 20, 1999. In addition, in response to questions from Ms. Hogerty and Mr. Wood, Messrs. Lubin and Nakahata stated that the CALLS plan did not violate Section 254(k) of the Communications Act, and that Section 254(k) does not preclude companies from structuring rates in the manner that reflects competitive markets.

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On August 26, 1999, John Nakahata, representing CALLS, spoke by telephone with Mr. Doug Galbi of the Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Mr. Nakahata explained that Sections 2.1.3.2.1(b)(1) and 2.1.4.2.1(b)(1) provide a transition mechanism for non-primary residential and multiline business subscriber line charges to move from current levels to Average Price Cap CMT Revenue Per Line, ultimately eliminating, where possible consistent with the remaining nominal caps on subscriber line charges, distinctions between classes of lines.

I am filing two copies of this letter for inclusion in the record of each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,



John T. Nakahata

Counsel to the Coalition for Affordable Local and
Long Distance Service