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

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 22, 1999, on behalf of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service ("CALLS"), I met with Mr. Howard Shelanski, FCC Chief Economist. The points I discussed with Mr. Shelanski were those filed in the ex parte letter filed by CALLS on August 20, 1999. I stated that the CALLS plan promotes facilities based competition, particularly for rural and residential subscribers. I also told Mr. Shelanski that, because of the pro-competitive benefits of the CALLS proposal, it would be inaccurate to assume that incumbent LECs would possess the same market share, in terms of lines or access minutes, as the plan was further implemented. I also pointed out that the Commission's recent access charge pricing flexibility order makes it much more difficult to project future interstate access charge revenues.

I also discussed the fact that competition will continue to create competitive offerings more tailored to consumer needs, and that one of the benefits of competition is that consumers have the opportunity to select packages that closely fit their needs.

In accordance with FCC rules, I am filing two copies of this letter in each of the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Howard Shelanski, FCC Chief Economist

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