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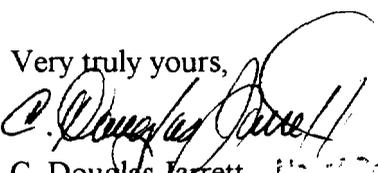
Re: Petition for Reconsideration of Commission's July 20, 1989
MUPLS Order — CC Docket Nos. 78-72 and 80-286

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is submitted in response to the letter dated November 5, 1999, from Robert C. Atkinson, Deputy Bureau Chief, Common Carrier. A copy is enclosed for convenient reference. Therein, the Deputy Bureau Chief inquired whether, in light of the passage of time, the American Petroleum Institute ("API") would withdraw the above-captioned filing.

API appreciates the interest of the Commission in general and the Bureau in particular to conserve its limited resources. Further, it appears the decision of which API sought reconsideration has proved flexible and consistent with the interests of API member companies. API would agree to withdraw its petition on the condition that all other parties filing timely petitions for reconsideration withdraw their respective petitions. Based on Mr. Atkinson's letter, one party continues to seek Commission resolution of the matter.

Accordingly, API commits that at such time as all other parties filing petitions for reconsideration withdraw such application, API agrees to withdraw its application. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very truly yours,

C. Douglas Jarrett
Handwritten: "Handwritten rec'd" and "Liaison" with a circled "0" next to it.

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert Atkinson



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

November 5, 1999

Douglas Jarrett
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Dear Mr. Jarrett

In reviewing a list of matters currently being handled by the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy Division, I noticed that there were a number of rather old and inactive matters. Before any of the division's scarce resources are devoted to these old matters, I want to be sure that the parties who initiated them are still interested in obtaining a resolution. Stated differently, I don't want to waste resources on matters that no one cares about so that we can better address matters that parties do care about.

Your organization was an initiator of the following matter:

Petition for Reconsideration of Commission's July 20, 1989 MUPLS Order – CC Docket Nos. 78-72 and 80-286¹

If you would like this matter brought to resolution, please let me know and I will endeavor to prioritize it among the division's other work. Otherwise, I would appreciate it if you would file a brief letter petition with the Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission, and a copy to Ann Stevens, Associate Division Chief, Common Carrier Bureau Policy Division, withdrawing your earlier petition.

Please call me at 202-418-1500 if you would like to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Atkinson", written over a horizontal line.

Robert C. Atkinson
Deputy Bureau Chief

¹ A number of parties filed similar petitions in this matter. I am aware that one party (California PUC) has indicated that they would like to bring this matter to resolution.