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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service Proposal –  
CC Dockets 96-262, 94-1, 96-45, 99-249

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 14, 2000, I met with Jim Eisner, Jim Zolnierok, Bob Loube, Jack Zinman, Aaron Goldschmidt, Jay Atkinson, Rich Lerner, Tom Navin and Katherine Schroder. We discussed the integrated universal service and interstate access charge proposal by the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Services. The points addressed are those previously submitted in the Memorandum in Support of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service Proposal, submitted August 20, 1999, see Letter of John T. Nakahata to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, FCC, dated August 20, 1999, filed in CC Dockets 96-262, 94-1, 96-45, 99-249, in CALLS comments filed November 12, 1999, and in Reply Comments filed December 3, 1999. We particularly discussed how the universal service provisions of the CALLS proposal would operate, that the per line support amounts would be subject to periodic recalculation, the operation of the minimum universal service support, and that the CALLS plan contemplated that the per line universal service support would be shifted when a customer changed carriers in the shortest interval possible given reasonable operational considerations. CALLS members had agreed that a 3 month lag may be reasonable provided that the incumbent LEC's entitlement to support ended when service stopped and that there were periodic true-ups. We also discussed the additional proposals in Attachment A to CALLS Reply Comments, in which CALLS members proposed a holistic resolution for issues on which CALLS members had previously had differing positions.

We also discussed the fact that, because the largest long distance companies all either recovered universal service on a percentage basis, or were moving to do so for low volume customers, the universal service fee assessed by long distance carriers on low-volume customers would either fall, in the case of

AT&T, or increase very slightly, in the case of other carriers already using a percentage fee.

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

Sincerely,

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