

January 27, 2000

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Wednesday, January 26, 2000, L. Marie Guillory and Daniel Mitchell of the National Telephone Cooperative Association met with Commissioner Ness's Legal Advisor, Jordan Goldstein. In that meeting we discussed issues related to our comments in the docket listed above.

In accordance with the FCC's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell

Daniel Mitchell
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cc: Jordan Goldstein