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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-149; *Ex Parte* Notice Filing

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, this letter is to notify you that representatives of the Commercial Internet eXchange Association ("CIX") met yesterday with Bob Atkinson, Ann Stevens, Staci Pies, and Michael Jacobs of the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy Division to discuss the above-captioned CIX and ITAA request for extension of the sunset date of safeguards governing the Bell Operating Company provision of in-region, interLATA information services.

Attending this meeting either in person or via telephone were Barbara Dooley, President, CIX; Dannie Gregory, Co-founder, Iglou Internet Services; Karen Reidy, Attorney, MCI Worldcom; Jonathan Lee, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Competitive Telecommunications Association (Comptel); and Ron Plesser and myself of Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe LLP.

During this meeting, CIX expressed its opinion that the Commission should grant the Petition and extend the structural separate affiliate requirement for BOC provisioning of interLATA information services on the BOCs once they obtain 271 approval. The positions discussed by CIX were those set forth in its Petition.

CIX expressed its belief that Congress clearly intended for there to be a transition period by which BOCs would offer interLATA information services through a separate affiliate. Congress did not anticipate that the BOCs would have taken so long to open

their markets to competition. CIX believes that Congress' intent will be realized by extending the sunset. Additionally, CIX stated that a two-year extension would allow for further broadband deployment, further BOC entry into the local markets, and an ability to evaluate such BOC entry.

This letter is being filed electronically in the above-captioned docket. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Stuart Ingis

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cc: Bob Atkinson
Ann Stevens
Staci Pies
Michael Jacobs