

February 3, 2000

EX PARTE – By Electronic Filing

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 February 2, 2000, I spoke by telephone with Rich Lerner, Deputy Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau. We discussed the integrated universal service and interstate access charge proposal by the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service. The points were 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 response to Mr. Lerner's question, I told him that price cap companies would not be able to increase switched transport rates above the applicable cap on Average Traffic Sensitive Charge in response to reductions in special access rates.

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

Sincerely,



John T. Nakahata

Counsel to the Coalition for Affordable Local and
Long Distance Service

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cc: Mr. Rich Lerner