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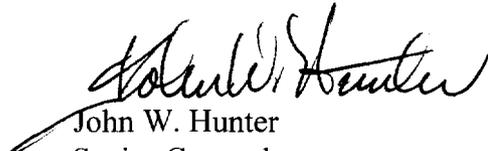
Re: ***Ex Parte* Notice**
CC Docket No. 99-200

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 16, 2000, David Cohen of the United States Telecom Association (USTA) and Jordan Goldstein of Commissioner Ness' Office spoke by telephone. Mr. Cohen responded to factual questions raised by Mr. Goldstein concerning the cost of deploying new systems for number pooling and of reporting requirements by rural telephone companies in the context of the above-referenced Number Resource Optimization proceeding. Although the communication occurred during the Sunshine period, it falls within the exemption pursuant to Section 1.1204(a)(10) of the Commission's rules.

An original and one copy of this *ex parte* notice are being filed in the referenced docket with the Office of the Secretary. Please include it in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Jordan Goldstein

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