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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 May 12, 2000, on behalf of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service, I spoke with Aaron Goldschmidt of the Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau. In response to questions from CCB staff, I told Mr. Goldschmidt that proposed Rule 61A.3(e) reflected the CALLS proposed definition of average traffic sensitive charge as it pertained to contract tariffs. The definition is structured as it is to make sure there is a consistent measurement of the effective per minute rate even as regulatory classifications change. In addition, I told Mr. Goldschmidt that the CALLS proposal was ambiguous as to the whether non-recurring charges were to be included in the average traffic sensitive charge calculation.

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

cc: Mr. Aaron Goldschmidt