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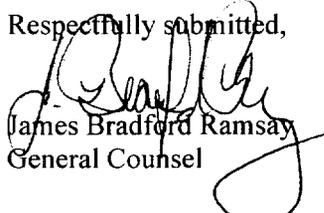
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Re: **Ex Parte Comments:** *Two Originals filed - In the Matters of the 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Depreciation Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; CC Docket No. 98-137/Ameritech Corporation Telephone Operating Companies' Continuing Property Records Audit, et. al.; CC Docket No. 99-117; GTE Telephone Operating Companies Release of Information Obtained During Joint Audit. AAD File No. 98-26*

Dear Ms. Roman-Salas:

On May 11, 2000, NARUC's General Counsel Brad Ramsay met with Jordan Goldstein of the Office of Commissioner Ness to discuss issues outlined in NARUC's comments with two Bell Atlantic representatives - Frank Gumper and another gentleman. Mr. Ramsay generally reiterated NARUC's position in response to industry claims, e.g., that intrastate impacts from above-the-line treatment of the amortized amount remain a concern. On May 12, 2000, NARUC's General Counsel Brad Ramsay left a voice mail for Dorothy Attwood of the Office of the Chairman reiterating generally NARUC's comments in this proceeding and explaining NARUC's views with respect to an ex parte letter filed by several of the Bell Operating Companies in this proceeding. I respectfully request any waivers needed to file this *ex parte* out-of-time.

Respectfully submitted,


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General Counsel

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