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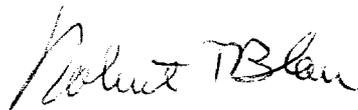
Re: CC Docket 96-262 (Access Charge Reform)
CC Docket 94-1 (Price Cap Performance Review)
CC Docket 96-45 (Universal Service)
CC Docket 99-249 (Low-Volume Long Distance Users)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Today I spoke with Larry Strickling, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau. I reminded Mr. Strickling that the CALLS proposal was based on GDP-PI fixed weight index, as in the existing rules and as reflected in the CALLS draft proposed rules. I further stated that GDP-PI Chain-weighted index would materially affect the proposal in a manner that would adversely affect the ILEC members of the CALLS coalition, and urged Mr. Strickling to recommend that the Commission continue to use a GDP-PI fixed weight index in calculating productivity factors contemplated by the CALLS proposal.

As required by Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, I am filing two copies of this notice for placement in the record for each of the proceedings identified above.

Sincerely,



cc: Larry Strickling
Dorothy Attwood
Rebecca Beynon
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