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EX PARTE – Via 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 June 20, 2000, Bob Blau (of BellSouth), Don Cain (of SBC), and I (on behalf of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service) met with Dorothy Attwood, Legal Advisor to the Chairman, Kyle Dixon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell, Sarah Whitesell, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tristani, and Jordan Goldstein, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness to discuss implementation of the CALLS access charge and universal service order. We stated that CALLS ILECs would be including messages in customers' bills describing the changes. The amount of information that can be conveyed in bill messages is extremely limited because of legal and operational constraints. We also stated that companies were preparing to be able to answer specific consumer inquiries regarding changes in the bills. We further stated that the CALLS members are continuing to assess how they can help consumers understand the importance of inventorying their communications needs before selecting calling plans, and the availability and qualifications for Lifeline service.

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

Sincerely,


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Counsel to the Coalition for Affordable Local and
Long Distance Service

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cc: Ms. Dorothy Attwood, Legal Advisor to the Chairman
Mr. Kyle Dixon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell
Ms. Sarah Whitesell, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tristani
Mr. Jordan Goldstein, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness