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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *Ex Parte* visits in Docket Nos. 94-129, Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; 96-45, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; 96-98, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; 98-67, Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; 98-146, Inquiry Concerning Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capabilities to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; 99-68, Inter-Carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic; 99-200, Numbering Resource Optimization

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to FCC Rule 1.1206, we are filing this *Ex parte* notice regarding meetings held at the FCC August 22-23. Commissioner Lila Jaber of the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) and some FPSC staff met with the following people at the FCC:

Dorothy Atwood
Kathy Brown
Commissioner Susan Ness
Commissioner Gloria Tristani

Rebecca Beynon
Anna Gomez
Karen Strauss

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The attached subjects were discussed. We have given a synopsis of points made in those meetings.

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This original and two copies are being sent under separate cover pursuant to your rule on ex parte presentations, Rule 1.1206 of the FCC Rules.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
Commissioner Gloria Tristani
Dorothy Atwood
Kathy Brown
Rebecca Beynon
Anna Gomez
Karen Strauss

**Commissioner Lila Jaber and Florida Public Service Commission Staff
Visits to the Federal Communications Commission
August 22-23, 2000**

Subject	Florida Position
Reciprocal Compensation	The FCC should recognize state's jurisdiction and its ability to determine the form of compensation for such traffic, including the appropriate rate structure. We continue to endorse the "two call" theory.
UNE Cost/Pricing - 8th Circuit/Iowa	<p>Consistent with prior FPSC positions, we endorse the 8th Circuit Court's finding that the "scorched node" requirement embodied in Rule 51.505(b)(1) was inappropriate for UNEs (though reasonable for the determination of universal service funding).</p> <p>As such, we would hope that the FCC chooses not to appeal the 8th Circuit's order, and instead opts to complete the court's remand of the pricing rules in a timely manner.</p>
Numbering	<p>We would like the FCC to grant permanent authority to mandate conservation measures. (It would be understood that this authority would be premised on the fact that the measures would not be in opposition with the FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Order No. 00-104, adopted March 17, 2000.)</p> <p>FPSC staff would like the FCC to allow Florida to perform the Audit Function specified in 2.9 of the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines (INC 95-0407-008, issued January 10, 2000), for those carriers requesting CO Codes in Florida NPAs. Historically, this function has not been performed. As stated in the Guidelines, the purpose of the audit is to verify compliance with the guidelines and ensure the efficient and effective use of numbering resources by code applicants/holders. With such a great demand for numbering resources in Florida, we have the need to ensure numbers are being used in the most efficient manner.</p>
Slamming	We anticipate that Florida will choose to opt-in, but desire a commitment that Florida will be able to enforce our rules where they are more stringent than the FCC rules.
Universal Service	<p>We have concerns about actions that may expand the funding requirements of the federal programs. In particular, we are worried that the forthcoming reexamination of the definition of "supported services" will have this result.</p> <p>We urge that the FCC reconsider its order on tribal areas and not expand the program to up to \$25.00 per residential line.</p>

Subject	Florida Position
TA96 - Section 706	<p>We endorse encouraging community partnerships as a means to enhance the deployment of advanced services.</p> <p>However, we have misgivings about increasing the size of federal universal service programs by providing funding for advanced services.</p> <p>In Florida, the legislature enacted a statute to encourage the development of a Network Access Point (NAP).</p> <p>LEC provision of xDSL service: The FCC has previously deemed such services interstate. At a minimum, the FPSC believes there should be dual tariffing of LEC xDSL offerings.</p>
TASA contract	<p>The FCC's recent order imposed additional obligations on intrastate relay offerings. To avoid Florida possibly having to re-bid its recently awarded relay contract, the FPSC plans to request a waiver of these new provisions until the multi-year contract is up for renewal.</p>