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September 7, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex parte Submission:

*Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets;
Implementation of the Local Competition in the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

WT Docket No. 99-217 /
CC Docket No. 96-98

Personal
Communications
Industry
Association

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 6, 2000, Robert Hoggarth and Eddie Gleason of the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA) and Maria Scotti of Message Center Management (PCIA member) met with Peter Tenhula, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell to discuss PCIA's views in the above dockets. PCIA expressed concern that Commission action in this proceeding could lead to unintended consequences by expanding the impact of new regulations to tower owners and rooftop managers who offer services to mobile wireless service providers.

The parties discussed issues identified in PCIA's comments and reply comments in the referenced proceeding, specifically regarding the potential impact of mandatory access regulations on tower and rooftop owners and managers who provide space to mobile wireless carriers, building owners and site managers. She explained that real world practical details are extremely difficult to regulate, particularly with respect to the timing of lease negotiations, municipal planning and zoning requirements, the terms of specific rental agreements, the competing needs of various carriers/tenants and the ability to schedule installation of equipment in guest sensitive facilities like hotels, hospitals and high-rise residential environments.

Pursuant to §1.1206(b) of the Commission's rule, two copies of this letter are hereby filed with your office. Electronic and hand-delivered copies are being supplied to the individual FCC staff members listed below.

Please refer any questions in connection with this matter to me at 703-535-7482.

Sincerely,



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