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

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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/



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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. Ms. Scotti 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Hoggarth" with a stylized flourish at the end that includes the initials "EAR".

Robert L. Hoggarth
Senior Vice President, Government Relations

cc: Mark Schneider

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