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September 5, 2000

Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Re: Ex Parte – Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262 /
Request for Emergency Relief of the Minnesota
CLEC Consortium and the Rural Independent
Competitive Alliance, DA 00-1067; Mandatory
Detariffing of CLEC Interstate Access Services,
DA 00-1268

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 1, 2000, Len Cali and I met with Jordon Goldstein, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Susan Ness. We advised Mr. Goldstein that, although AT&T had previously ordered interstate originating access services from CTSI, Inc., Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Rainier Cable, Inc., AT&T has since determined that the access charges assessed by these competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") are many times the corresponding rates changed by incumbent providers in those same service areas, and that AT&T's continued use of their services at those inflated rates cannot be economically justified. On May 15, 2000, AT&T advised the three CLECs that it is canceling originating switched access services from those vendors.¹

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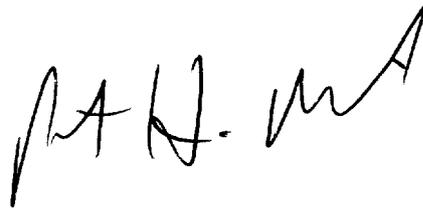
¹ AT&T contends that had already canceled switched access service from CTSI, effective August 22, 1998.

Additionally, AT&T advised Mr. Goldstein that, in order to assure compliance with the decisions in *MGC Communications, Inc. v. AT&T Corp.*, 15 FCC Rcd 11647 (Com.Car.Bur.1999), *aff'd*, 15 FCC Rcd 308 (1999), AT&T intends to transmit letters to its presubscribed business and residence customers in the three CLECs' service territories, advising the customers of AT&T's cancellation of the CLECs' originating access services. The notification letters also advise those subscribers that they must arrange for service from another local carrier before that date to be assured of retaining AT&T as their long distance carrier. Copies of those specimen customer notices are also being provided to CTSI, Mid-Rivers and Rainier.

In addition, attached is a copy of the document used as an outline to discuss the issues involved in this action.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this notice are being submitted to the Secretary of the Commission for inclusion in the public record of the above-captioned proceedings.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Goldstein', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Attachments
cc: J. Goldstein