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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***CS Docket No. 00-30; In the Matter of Applications of America
Online, Inc. and Time Warner, Inc. for Transfers of Control
Notice of Ex Parte Communication***

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter provides notice that David Lawson and the undersigned, counsel to AT&T Corp., today had a conversation with Darryl Cooper of the Cable Services Bureau concerning the impact of the AOL-Time Warner merger on the instant messaging ("IM") marketplace.

In particular, it was noted that the merger of AOL and Time Warner would enhance AOL's ability and incentive to discriminate against both AOL's IM competitors and content-based Internet applications that compete, or potentially compete, with Time Warner content. It was also noted that because the merger would make it more difficult for AOL's IM rivals to compete on the merits, the merger would greatly increase the likelihood that the IM marketplace will remain irreversibly tipped to AOL.

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Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. F. Beckner III', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. Frederick Beckner III

cc: Mr. Darryl Cooper
Ms. To-Quyen Truong
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