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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform you that on November 17, 2000 Jonathan Banks, and I, representing BellSouth, participated in a debate before Commission staff. The subject of the debate was what changes, if any, should the Commission make to its current rule defining the availability of switching as an unbundled network element. Representatives of SBC, Verizon, Allegiance, PACE, ASCENT, and Birch Telecommunications also participated in the debate. FCC staff attending the debate included: Dorothy Attwood; Michelle Carey; Jon Reel; Glenn Reynolds; Rebecca Beynon; Johanna Mikes; Kathy Farroba; Jodie Donovan-May; Bill Kehoe; Jared Carlson; Andrea Kearney; and Kyle Dixon.

We are filing notice of this ex parte meeting in the docket identified above, as required by Commission rule and request that you associate this notice with the

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record of that proceeding. If you have any questions concerning this, please call me at 202.463.4113

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen B. Levitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen B. Levitz

cc: Dorothy Attwood
Michelle Carey
Jon Reel
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