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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting:

In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Local Telecommunications Act of 1996, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-98

In the Matter of Application by Verizon New England, Inc. Bell Atlantic Communications, NYNEX Long Distance Company, and Verizon Global Networks to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in Massachusetts, CC Docket No. 00-176

Comments Requested On The Application By SBC Communications, Inc. For Authorization Under Section 271 Of The Communications Act To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service In The States Of Kansas And Oklahoma, CC Docket No. 00-217,

Access Charge Reform, CC Docket 96-262; Request for Emergency Relief of the Minnesota CLEC Consortium and the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance, DA 00-1067; Mandatory Detarriffing of CLEC Interstate Access Services, DA 00-1268

In the Matter of the Funding Mechanism of the Universal Service Fund, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Monday November 13, 2000, at the NARUC Annual Meeting, I had a conversation with Dorothy Attwood, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, which touched on issues raised in the aforementioned dockets. Specifically, I stated that the Commission should deny the Verizon Massachusetts 271 application for the reasons set forth in AT&T's Reply Comments filed on November 2, 2000. Further, I discussed the need for the Commission to resolve the USF contribution lag which results in inequitable and discriminatory contributions by interexchange carriers. In addition, I stated that the Commission must act quickly to raise the ceiling on lines at individual customer locations for which CLECs can obtain the UNE-P from the three-line limit that currently exists. Finally, I stated that the Commission must curtail the practice of CLECs charging access rates to interexchange carriers extraordinarily higher than the incumbent LECs serving the areas in which the CLECs compete.

The positions expressed by AT&T were consistent with those contained in the Comments and ex parte filings previously made in each of the aforementioned dockets. Two copies of this Notice are being submitted for each of the referenced proceedings in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Guinsberg".

cc: Dorothy Attwood