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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Eighth Floor
Washington, DC 20554
By Messenger

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communications in Petition for Preemption of
Section 392.410(7) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri;
CC ~~79~~ Docket No 98-122

Dear Secretary Salas:

On November 27, 2000, Jane Cirrincione and Richard Geltman of the American Public Power Association (APPA) participated in an *ex parte* meeting with Deena Shetler, Acting Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Tristani. The meeting occurred in Commissioner Tristani's Office on the eighth floor at the Portals and lasted approximately twenty minutes.

During the meeting we briefly discussed the APPA September 28, 2000 supplementary memorandum to Christopher Wright, outlining two preemption arguments: 1) that when a state gives its political subdivisions authority to engage in activities that are subject to federal law, state laws that are preempted if applied to privately-owned providers of service must also be preempted as applied to the same activity by publicly-owned providers; and 2) a state law that imposes barriers to entry directly conflicts with the pro-competitive provisions and policies of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Section 253(a) and exceeds the authority reserved for state action under Section 253(b), (c) and (f).

Ms. Shetler was not provided with a copy of the September 28th memorandum since she had previously received it as part of an earlier distribution.

In accordance with the Commission's rules governing *ex parte* presentations, I am providing two (2) copies of this letter and sending a copy to those on the service list for this docket.

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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Geltman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard B. Geltman
General Counsel

cc: Attached Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Richard B. Geltman, hereby certify that on this 28th day of November 2000, I caused copies of the foregoing letter to be served on the parties on the attached Service List by first-class U.S. Mail.

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