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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW - Room TWB-204  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: *Ex Parte* - CC Docket Nos. 96-61 and 98-183  
1998 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of Customer Premises Equipment and Enhanced Services Unbundling  
Rules in the Interexchange, Exchange Access, and Local Exchange Markets

Dear Ms. Salas:

On yesterday morning, Mark Lemler, Wendy Boudreau, and I (all of AT&T), and Karen Reidy and Chris Frentrup (both of WorldCom), met with Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, Katherine Schroder and Anita Cheng of the Bureau's Accounting Policy Division, Ann Stevens and Jodi Donovan May of the Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division, and Greg Guice of the Bureau's Industry Analysis Division.

At this meeting, we reiterated our previously stated positions that after nearly 10 years of public policy debate on the appropriateness of bundling relief for non-dominant carriers, evolutions in technology and consumers' demands for new, innovative services strongly compel the prompt removal of the CPE and enhanced services anti-bundling prohibitions.

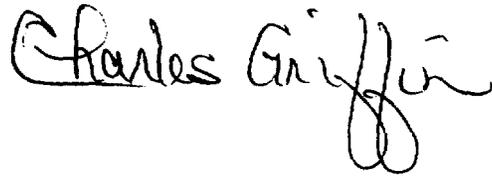
We also addressed issues raised by other parties in this proceeding concerning the collection of USF contributions when non-dominant carriers market and sell bundled service offers to their customers. We asserted that removal of the bundling restrictions would not materially affect the collection of carriers' USF contributions. However, since carriers have yet to determine what types of basic services, CPE, and/or enhanced services bundles consumers desire, it would be premature for carriers to declare how the bundled revenues from such offers would be separated into their constituent parts.

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However, if the Commission were to set forth some guidelines for carriers' use in disaggregating such revenue bundles, the suggested procedures should be simple to understand, easy to administer, competitively neutral, and should not cause marketplace distortions or otherwise disincent carriers from marketing bundled service offers.

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 for the above-captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "G" at the end.

cc: C. Matthey  
K. Schroder  
A. Stevens  
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