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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12 th Street, S.W. TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **CC Docket No. 98-147, Ex Parte Presentation**  
**CC Docket No. 96-98, Ex Parte Presentation**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 30 and 31, 2001, Paul L. Marrangoni of the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology attended a meeting of Focus Group 3 (FG 3) of the fifth Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC V) held in Washington, D.C. The members of FG 3 in attendance were: Pete Youngberg (Sprint), Kevin Schneider (Adtran), Jim Carlo (Texas Instruments), Patrick Stanley (Elastic Networks), Massimo Saorbara (Globespan), Harry Mildonian (Lucent), Gary Tennyson (Bell South), Gene Edmon (SBC), Greg Sherill (Verizon), and the Chair of FG 3, Ed Eckert (Nortel Networks). In addition, Paul Donaldson (WorldCom), David Reilly (Rhythms), and Jamal Boudhauia (Qwest) were present via conference call on January 30 and 31, 2001, and David Rosenstein (Covad), was present via conference call on January 31, 2001.

In the course of this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- (1) Test Access. The group discussed loop testing in line sharing arrangements, as described in section 51.319(h)(7)(i) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(h)(7)(i). The group agreed to work toward a recommendation that mechanical loop testing is one means possible to fulfill the requirements of the rule.
- (2) Remote Terminals. The group agreed to work toward a recommendation that central office provisioned ADSL be protected from interference from remote deployments and that spectrum management mechanisms be developed for xDSL deployment at intermediate locations.

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- (3) VDSL. The group agreed to work on a recommendation to address issues relating to a default standard for VDSL.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), the original and four copies of this letter and attachment are being filed with for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul L. Marrangoni".

Paul L. Marrangoni  
Office of Engineering and Technology  
Federal Communications Commission