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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  
CC Docket No. 96-98  
CC Docket No. 99-216 ✓

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 16 and 17, 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 Dallas, Texas. The members of FG 3 in attendance were: Pete Youngberg (Sprint), David Rosenstein (Covad), Kevin Schneider (Adtran), Paul Donaldson (WorldCom), Jim Carlo (Texas Instruments), Patrick Stanley (Elastic Networks), Massimo Saorbara (Globespan), Harry Mildonian (Lucent), Gary Tennyson (Bell South), Jamal Boudhaouia (Qwest), Gene Edmon (SBC), Tom Shen (AT&T), Greg Sherill (Verizon), and the Chair of FG 3, Ed Eckert (Nortel Networks). In addition, Phil Kyees (Paradyne), was present on January 16, 2001.

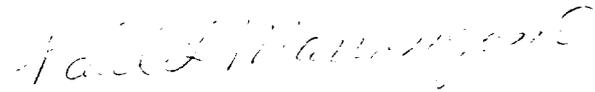
In the course of this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- (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). Specifically, the group discussed mechanical loop testing as a means to fulfill the requirements of the rule and provide flexibility for other test access options.
- (2) CC Docket No. 99-216. The group discussed the use of this docket to privatize the standards development and equipment approval process in part 68 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 68, *et seq.* The group also discussed the use of the T1 417 Spectrum Management Standard for part 68 waivers for xDSL customer premises equipment.

- (3) Remote Terminals. The group discussed the deployment of xDSL transmitter units/amplifiers between the central office and the customer, the problems associated with access to copper loops at remote sites, and the requirements for xDSL deployment at intermediate locations. In addition, the group discussed the volume of loops used for xDSL service that are served directly from the central office and would be impacted by the increased deployment of remote terminals.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), the original and two 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, appearing to read "Paul L. Marrangoni".

Paul L. Marrangoni  
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