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Magalie R. Salas, Esq.
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RE: EX PARTE FILINGS for CC Docket Nos. 99-68 (Inter-Carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic), 96-98 (Local Competition), CC Docket No. 96-98 (Local Competition), CC Docket Nos. 96-262 (Access Charge Reform), 94-1 (Price Cap Performance Review), 99-249 (Low-Volume Long Distance Users), 96-45 (Universal Service).

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 30, 2001, NARUC Telecommunications Committee Chairman Oregon Public Utility Commissioner Joan Smith and I met with the following FCC personnel: (1) Chairman Powell and Kyle Dixon, (2) Commissioner Tristani and Deena Sheetler, (3) Commissioner Ness and Jordan Goldstein, (4) Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth and Adam Kirschenbaum, and (5) Common Carrier Chief Dorothy Attwood. On February 7th, I had an additional phone conversation with Ms. Sheetler.

During the course of these meetings, we discussed NARUC's member state's concerns about recent reports that the FCC intends to act on a draft proposal to standardize existing state approaches to reciprocal compensation. Commissioner Smith described various specific state views and reaffirmed elements of the ex parte filed by NARUC in December specifying that *any action the FCC takes should not limit the States' flexibility to address reciprocal compensations issues as Congress intended - in the context of arbitrations under Section 252 of the Act.*

I respectfully request any waivers needed to file this letter out of time. If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Sincerely,

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