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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW - Room TWB 204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice : Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Petitions for Reconsideration and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-98; Access Charge Reform, CC Docket 96-262; Request of Emergency Relief of the Minnesota CLEC Consortium and the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance, DA 00-1067; Mandatory Detariffing of CLEC Interstate Access Services, DA 00-1268; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Ms. Salas,

On Friday, February 23, 2001, I discussed with Jordan Goldstein, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness, AT&T's views concerning restrictions on the use of unbundled network elements ("UNEs") to provide telecommunications services. Specifically, I urged that the Commission eliminate restrictions on the use of UNEs in the provision of telecommunications services. The current restrictions violate the plain language of the Telecom Act and contravene good public policy by perpetuating artificial distinctions in the pricing of ILEC facilities and distorting access competition. I also discussed AT&T's concerns

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relating to CLEC access charges. My statements concerning these matters are reflected in AT&T's previous written submissions in the referenced proceedings, and my emphasis was on the importance of prompt resolution of these matters. I also stated that AT&T supports the Rural Task Force proposal for access charge and universal service reform, and urged that the proposal be adopted and implement together the proposed access and universal service reform by July 1, 2001.

Two copies of this Notice are being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC for each referenced proceeding in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

cc: J. Goldstein