



March 8, 2001

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation in
CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68, 98-147, 96-262, 97-146 and WT Docket No. 99-217**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Sections 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is to provide notice in the above-captioned docketed proceedings of an *ex parte* meeting on March 8 by Don Shephard of Time Warner Telecom, Richard Metzger of Focal Communications, John Windhausen, Jonathan Askin and Tiki Gaugler of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services with Chairman Powell, and Kyle Dixon. During the meeting, the parties discussed ALTS' agenda for the upcoming year. The parties emphasized the need for strong enforcement of the Telecom Act and existing FCC implementing rules, the essence of the discussion is contained in the attached documents, which were distributed to the Chairman and Kyle Dixon.

Additionally, the parties discussed the status of the proceeding considering inter-carrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic. In an effort to find common ground among all participants, the parties discussed a variety of issues related to the appropriate compensation that should apply to ISP-bound traffic terminated between interconnected local carriers. The parties discussed FCC adoption of rules that would eliminate arbitrage opportunities between carriers, while simultaneously guarding against immediate and dramatic revenue reductions. The parties discussed the Commission's long-standing commitment to cost-based rate-setting and the need to provide carriers a "soft-landing" as they transition to cost-based levels.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, an original and a copy of this notice of *ex parte* contact are being submitted for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 202-969-2587.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jonathan Askin



ALTS AGENDA -- 2001

Enforcement of Market-Opening Requirements of Telecom Act:

- **Enforce ILEC Compliance with Collocation and UNE Rules**
 - ALTS Petition on Loop Provisioning submitted last May in effort to resolve perhaps the remaining crucial network obstacle to competitive entry -- timely and cost-effective access to loop plant
 - Collocation of Multifunction Equipment/CLEC-CLEC cross-connects
 - Right to ordinary, commercial, self-enforcing performance metrics
- **Ensure Carriers are Compensated for Costs of Carrying Traffic**
 - CLEC Access Charges
 - Termination of ISP-Bound Traffic
- **Enforce ILEC Compliance with EEL Order**
 - CLECs frustrated by ILEC disregard for FCC EEL Order
- **Enforce Building Owner Compliance with Competitive Networks Order and Obligations to Provide Competitive Access to MTEs**
- **Ensure Rights-of-Way Practices do not Thwart Competition**
- **Ensure Penalties Adequately Compel Compliance**