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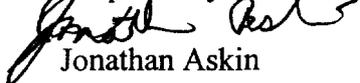
**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation in  
CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68**

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 by Don Shephard of Time Warner Telecom, Richard Metzger of Focal Communications, John Windhausen and Jonathan Askin of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services with Dorothy Attwood, Jane Jackson, Glenn Reynolds, Tamara Preiss, and Jack Zinman of the Common Carrier Bureau. During the meeting, the parties, in an effort to find common ground among all participants, 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,



Jonathan Askin

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Glenn Reynolds  
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