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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting:

In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the
Local Telecommunications Act of 1996, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-98 /

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday March 15, 2001, David Dorman, President of AT&T, James Cicconi, AT&T General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Leonard Cali, Vice President Federal Government Affairs, and I discussed with Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Rebecca Beynon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth, matters related to the referenced proceeding. In particular, we reviewed AT&T's position that the provision of competitive local telecommunications services to both residential and business customers would be impaired without access to local switching as an unbundled network element ("UNE"), that AT&T's experience in providing local services using its own switches confirms this need, particularly in light of loop provisioning problems, and that access to unbundled local switching should be made available without restriction. We also discussed the prospect that local switching be removed as a UNE after proper findings that market circumstances have changed sufficiently such that the provision of competitive services would no longer be impaired

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without access to unbundled local switching. The positions expressed by AT&T were consistent with those contained in AT&T's written submissions in the referenced proceedings.

Two copies of this Notice are being submitted in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Quinn, Jr./PKA

cc: Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth
Rebecca Beynon