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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262;
Request for Emergency Relief of the Minnesota CLEC Consortium and the Rural
Independent Competitive alliance, DA-1067; Mandatory Detariffing of CLEC
Interstate Access Services, DA 00-1268

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, Bob Quinn and I representing AT&T and Jake Jennings representing NewSouth met with Jeff Dygert and Scott Bergman of the Common Carrier Bureau. We discussed the topic of competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) switched access rates and the difficulties presented by the vast differences between certain CLEC switched access rates and the incumbent local exchange carrier's (ILEC) switched access rate against which these CLEC's compete.

AT&T urged the Commission to de-regulate the CLEC marketplace immediately by ordering mandatory detariffing of CLEC switched access services, both originating and terminating, where the rates charged for those services exceed the switched access rates of the ILEC serving that particular market. If the CLEC charges an access rate at or below the prevailing ILEC rate, the Commission should permit CLEC's to permissively de-tariff those services as they see fit.

If the Commission believes there is a need to ramp down CLEC switched access rates over a period of time to the prevailing ILEC rate, AT&T proposed (and Newsouth agreed to the proposal in substantial part as stated in their companion Ex Parte) that the Commission should require all carriers whose access rates exceed the ILEC rate level in their geographic serving area to reduce their originating and terminating switched access rates immediately to a benchmark rate of 1.2 cents/minute (or roughly 200% of the prevailing switched access rates for the ILEC's). The Commission should then require each CLEC to reduce its originating and terminating rates quarterly, by an equivalent percentage, to arrive at the ILEC rate within a maximum of twelve months of the Commission's Order. Acting in this manner will promote efficient entry by

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competitors and place all CLEC's on equal footing in competing for end user customers, contrary to the result that would be achieved by adopting the ALTS' proposal.

In addition, AT&T provided the attached spreadsheet describing the interstate rates of each of the RBOCs.

I have submitted an original and one copy of this Notice in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Pat" written in a cursive style.

Attachment

CC: Jeff Dygert
Scott Bergmann
Jake Jennings

Switched Access Call Delivery & Tandem

	Ameritech	Bell Atlantic -S	Bell Atlantic-N	BellSouth	Nevada Bell	PacBell	SWB	USW	
	1/2/2001	2/24/2001	1/2/2001	1/2/2001	1/2/2001	8/11/2000	9/30/2000	2/28/2001	
CCL - Orig	0	0	0	0.000096	0	0	0	0	
CCL - Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Local Switching (LS2)	0.003569	0.002576	0.003894	0.002244	0.003241	0.00277	0.003564	0.002249	
RIC Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Infor. Surcharge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Comm Trunk Port (w/tandem)	0.0003	0.001618	0.001618	0.0008	0.001663	0.004712	0.0009	0.000902	
Facility (Per Mile) Zone 1	0.000026	0.00003	0.00003	0.000023	0.000019	0.000013	0.000017	0.00002	
Facility (Per Mile) Zone 2						0.000023		0.000022	
Facility (Per Mile) Zone 3						0.00004		0.000019	
Transport (Term) Zone 1	0.000167	0.00015	0.00015	0.000176	0.000270	0.000071	0.000164	0.000199	
Transport (Term) Zone 2						0.000127		0.000255	
Transport (Term) Zone 3						0.000222		0.000263	
Switching Zone 1	0.001295	0.001043	0.001043	0.001177	0.005808	0.000407	0.000771	0.00276	
Switching Zone 2	0.001334	n/a		n/a	n/a	0.000843			
Switching Zone 3	0.001338	n/a		n/a	n/a	0.001648			
TIC	0	0		0	0	0			
Total Zone 1 @ 1 Mile	0.005357	0.005417	0.006735	0.004468	0.011001	0.007973	0.005416	0.00613	
Total @ 5 Miles	0.005461	0.005537	0.006855	0.00456	0.011077	0.008025	0.005484	0.00621	
PICC:									
Multi-Line Business	IL	0	3.23	3.23	4.31	0	0	0	2.79
	IN	\$3.46							
	MI	\$2.31							
	OH	\$3.19							
	WI	\$1.59							
Primary Res. Individual Single Line Business									