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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 th Street, S.W. TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **CC Docket No. 98-147, Ex Parte Presentation**
CC Docket No. 96-98, Ex Parte Presentation
CC Docket No. 99-216, Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 27 through 29, 2001, Paul L. Marrangoni of the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology attended a meeting of Focus Group 3 (FG 3) of the fifth Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC V) held in Clearwater, Florida. The members of FG 3 in attendance were: Pete Youngberg (Sprint), Kevin Schneider (Adtran), Jim Carlo (Texas Instruments), Philip Kyees (Paradyne), Massimo Saorbara (Globespan), Gary Tennyson (Bell South), Greg Sherill (Verizon), Paul Donaldson (WorldCom), David Rosenstein (Covad), Jamal Boudhauia (Qwest), and the Chair of FG 3, Ed Eckert (Nortel Networks). In addition, Douglas Sicker (Level 3) and Gene Edmond (SBC) were present on March 27-28,01 and Harry Mildonian (Lucent) was present on March 28-29, 01

In the course of this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

1. As a result of clause 3 of Recommendation #6 being remanded to the working group, the group worked towards a statement of the problem. The purpose of this statement is to be a foundation for a revised recommendation.

2. It was agreed to develop a white paper on the subject of intermediate TU's titled: "Remote deployed DSL: Advantages, Challenges and Solutions". It is targeted for delivery to the full council at the June meeting.

3. It was agreed to acquire data to test the validity of using measured length as a proxy for Equivalent Working Length (EWL). EWL (or an appropriate estimate) is required in order to successfully implement the spectrum management standard.

4. The group discussed Additional Noise Margin Ratios, which entails reducing the transmitted power of remote deployed ADSL as a possible measure to achieve spectrum compatibility among central office and intermediate deployed ADSL.

5. As a result of the scheduled transfer of administration of Part 68 from the FCC to the private sector, Focus Group 3 concluded that it had addressed all of the Part 68 streamlining issues.

6. There was a discussion of interference dispute resolution. The U.K. model was presented which requires the service providers that are experiencing an impairment to thoroughly check their facilities before contacting other service providers in the same or adjacent binders.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), the original and five copies of this letter and attachment are being filed with for inclusion in the public record of the listed proceedings.

Sincerely,

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