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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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, Len Cali, Bob Quinn and I met with Chairman Michael K. Powell and Kyle Dixon, the Chairman's Legal Advisor, to discuss the issue of high priced CLEC access rates. AT&T urged the Commission to take immediate action consistent with the AT&T/NewSouth proposal to benchmark CLEC access rates at a level no greater than \$0.012 center per minute, converging to the ILEC rate level within a twelve month period. AT&T pointed out that its joint proposal with NewSouth was the only proposal with both CLEC and ratepayer support. AT&T also requested that the Commission immediately set a benchmark for 8YY traffic at a level no higher than the ILEC rate due to the current practices of some CLEC's to aggregate this traffic and share revenues with its end user customer. AT&T expressed the concern that this revenue sharing practice would increase under any proposal that benchmarked CLEC access rates in excess of current ILEC levels.

Our statements were consistent with the filed comments of AT&T in the above referenced proceeding.

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

Sincerely,

cc: Chairman Michael K. Powell
Kyle Dixon

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