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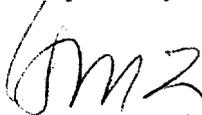
Re: Ex Parte Submission, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 30, 2001, Lisa Zaina of Wallman Strategic Consulting, LLC met with Sam Feder, legal advisor to Commissioner Harold Furchgott-Roth, on behalf of Valor Telecommunications. We discussed the Rural Task Force proposal and the need to ensure that incentives are in place to allow the small and rural companies to continue making investments in their service areas. In particular, we discussed the deleterious effect on investment that would be caused by the overall freeze on a carrier's universal service funding upon entry of a competitor in its service area, and the importance of the safety valve and safety net additive mechanisms.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, I submit two copies for the record.

Respectfully submitted,


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Vice President

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