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Ex Parte

**Re: Joint Application by Southwestern Bell for Provision of In-Region,
InterLata Services in Kansas and Oklahoma, CC Docket No. 00-217**

Dear Ms. Salas,

The undersigned counsel for AT&T hereby notifies the Commission that appellate briefs that contain statements from a December 28, 2000 *ex parte* letter designated as Confidential pursuant to the protective order in the above-referenced proceeding were inadvertently served on counsel who had not yet signed protective order certifications. The brief, which was filed in the judicial proceeding arising from the Commission's order in the above-referenced proceeding (*Sprint Communications Company, L.P., et al. v. FCC*, D.C. Cir. Case Nos. 01-1076, *et al.*) was served at or about 12:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30. The service error was discovered late Tuesday, May 1. Counsel that received the sealed briefs in error (listed on Attachment A to this letter) have been notified and all have agreed to sign protective order certifications before reviewing the sealed version of the brief. Counsel for Birch Telecom, Inc., who designated the information as confidential, has been notified of the service error and has authorized the undersigned to represent that Birch recognizes that the error was inadvertent and that steps necessary to ensure that no unauthorized disclosure occurs have been taken.

Sincerely,



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