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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-98 /

This is to inform you that on May 29, 2001, Bob Blau and I met with Kyle Dixon to discuss BellSouth's position on the degree to which switching should be available as an unbundled network element. We discussed BellSouth's position that switching should be available as an unbundled element only for residential customers. We also discussed the data filed by BellSouth in this proceeding on November 30, 2000, and on February 23, 2001.

We are filing notice of this ex parte meeting in the docket identified above, as required by Commission rule and request that you associate this notice with the record of that proceeding. If you have any questions concerning this, please call me at (202) 463-4182

Sincerely,



Jonathan Banks

cc: Kyle Dixon  
Michelle Carey  
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