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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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:

From May 30 through June 1, 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 at the Commission in Washington, D.C. The members of FG 3 in attendance were: Pete Youngberg (Sprint), Harry Mildonian (Lucent), Philip Kyees (Paradyne), Massimo Saorbara (Globespan), Gary Tennyson (Bell South), Greg Sherrill (Verizon), Jamal Boudhauia (Qwest), and the Chair of FG 3, Ed Eckert (Catena Networks). In addition, Jim Carlo (Texas Instruments) attended on May 30 and 31. Kevin Schneider (Adtran) and Gene Edmond (SBC) attended on May 30 and June 1. Members of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau (Jessica Rosenworcel, Elizabeth Yockus, Rodney McDonald, Arron Goldberg, Anne Broucher, Patrick Murphy, and Dennis Johnson) monitored the meeting. As a result, a representative from the Common Carrier Bureau was in attendance at all times during the meeting.

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

1. Pete Youngberg introduced a discussion on DSL spectrum management information record keeping and disclosure. The required equipment parameters to assure deployment in accordance with T1.417 (Spectrum Management For Loop Transmission Systems) were discussed. The three topics of discussion were spectral compatibility measurements and calculations, equivalent working length information and compliance to T1 417. The group is working toward a Recommendation on this topic.

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2. Work continued to develop a standard method for the calculating the effective working length (EWL) of a copper loop. EWL (or an appropriate estimate) is required to successfully implement the T1.417 spectrum management standard.

3. Procedures for dispute resolution to resolve crosstalk interference problems were discussed. The group worked toward identifying the type of documentation required for equipment to show compliance with T1.417. There was also a discussion of who should be responsible for maintaining the information. The use of NCIC (network channel interface codes) was discussed as an alternate method to identify the characteristics services deployed in a binder.

4. Qwest gave an overview of the remote terminal architecture that it plans to deploy.

5. The group continued development of a white paper on intermediate transceiver units (TUs). There was a discussion on the scope of the paper and issues to be covered.

6. Dorothy Attwood, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, addressed the group. Ms. Attwood thanked the group for the Recommendations that were approved by the full NRIC Council and encouraged them to keep up the good work. The Common Carrier Bureau committed to a more active presence in FG 3 meetings.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1), the original and 1 copy of this letter and attachment are being filed with for inclusion in the public record of the listed proceedings.

Sincerely,

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