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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:

On July 31 and August 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 Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. The members of FG 3 in attendance were: Pete Youngberg (Sprint), Philip Kyees (Paradyne), Massimo Saorbara (Globespan), Gary Tennyson (Bell South), Greg Sherrill (Verizon), Jamal Boudhauia (Qwest), Paul Donaldson (World Com), David Rosenstien (Covad), Patrick Stanley (Elastic Networks), Eugene Edmond (SBC), Kevin Schneider (Adtran), and the Chair of FG 3, Ed Eckert (Catena Networks). In addition, the following members of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau attended this meeting: Jeffery Carlisle, Jessica Rosenworcel, Elizabeth Yockus, Aaron Goldberger, Dennis Johnson, Rodney McDonald, Anne Boucher, and Rachel DuFault. Kent Nilsson, Shanti Gupta and Behzad Ghaffari of the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology were also present.

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

1. The group discussed the Commission's Part 68 (Terminal Attachments) transition to ACTA (Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments), and specifically the incorporation of the applicable sections of ATIS T1.417 (Spectrum Management Standard) into TR.968. In addition, the need for industry to develop a process similar to the Commission's Part 68 waiver process was discussed. This

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wavier process would enable the marketing of new products that do not cause harm to the network but are not provided for in the current standard.

2. The group continued its work on developing 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. The group progressed with its work on a Recommendation for interference dispute resolution. The group discussed the conditions where a DSL service provider should be required to make available PSD Masks or calculations to show that the deployed technology complies with T1.417. The group also discussed the responsibilities of the service provider experiencing service degradation and the loop provider to ensure proper operation of their facilities prior to initiating interference dispute resolution among all parties that share the binder group.

4. The group continued development of a white paper on intermediate transceiver units (TUs). There was a discussion of the elements that should be addressed in the white paper.

5. Jeffery Carlisle, Senior Deputy Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, addressed the group. Mr. Carlisle thanked the group for their continued good work in addressing the hard problems related to the deployment and implementation of advanced services. Mr. Carlisle explained the value to the Commission of recommendations and information papers from a consensus group with representation by CLECs, ILECs and equipment vendors.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1), the original and 5 copies this letter are being filed for inclusion in the public record of the listed proceedings.

Sincerely,

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