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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

98-147

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting:

In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Local Telecommunications Act of 1996, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-98

Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday August 9, 2001, David Dorman, President of AT&T, James Cicconi, General Counsel of AT&T, Len Cali and I met with Commissioner Abernathy and Matthew Brill, Commissioner Abernathy's Legal Adviser, regarding matters related to the above referenced proceedings. In particular, we reiterated that AT&T requires access to unbundled local switching as a mechanism to deploy a facilities based marketplace offer because of the provisioning and cost issues present in manually moving loop facilities from the ILEC. The manual processes required to utilize ILEC loop facilities result in significant customer service disruption and a significant impairment for carriers attempting to use incumbent loop facilities with self-provided switching.

AT&T has used collocation extensively as a means to provide service to end user customers over the course of the past five years and intends to utilize its own facilities wherever possible. UNE-P has alleviated the some of those provisioning

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issues in limited trials. It is AT&T's hope that the process utilized in certain central offices can be both scaled to permit mass market penetration and migrated to other incumbent LECs in a manner that will permit carriers to more rationally move customers onto CLEC facilities. The positions expressed by AT&T were consistent with those contained in the Comments and ex parte filings previously made in this docket.

Two copies of this Notice are being submitted in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Matthew Brill