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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45 (Rural Task Force Recommendation), and  
CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 (Multi-Association  
Group Plan for Regulation of Interstate Service of Non-Price Cap Incumbent  
Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 4, 2001, Joel Lubin (of AT&T) and I (on behalf of AT&T, GCI and Western Wireless), met with Robert Pepper, Chief, Office of Plans and Policy, David Sappington, FCC Chief Economist, Don Stockdale, Senior Economist, Office of Plans and Policy, and Geoff Waldau, Economist, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, to discuss the above-captioned proceedings. Our presentation is summarized in the documents attached to the August 10, 2001 letter from me to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, FCC, previously filed in the above-captioned dockets. Written copies of those attachments were provided to the attendees.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter has been filed in each of the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/ John T. Nakahata

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