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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th 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 October 1, 2001, I (on behalf of AT&T, GCI and Western Wireless) spoke with Matt Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. On October 2, 2001, I spoke with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. In both of these presentations, I stated that the Commission should not delay implementation of access charge and universal service reform, and that delay would most likely leave the Commission in a worse place than it stands today. In particular, it will be more disruptive and confusing to consumers to have a SLC transition for the non-price cap LECs if they transition when price cap LEC residential SLC caps have already reached \$6.00, rather than when the price cap LEC residential SLC caps are at \$5.00. In addition, no party has raised any specific (rather than vague) policy concerns in writing in the record with respect to any alleged impact of universal service reform on common line pooling.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ John T. Nakahata

John T. Nakahata

JTN/krs

c: Matt Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy
Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps