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Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room TW-A325  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-98; 99-200; Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 25, 2001, Greg Rogers, attorney, Level 3 Communications, LLC and I met with Jeffrey Carlisle, senior deputy bureau chief Common Carrier Bureau, Diane Harmon, acting division chief, Network Services Division, and Sanford Williams, attorney advisor, Network Services Division. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss technical issues relating to local number portability (LNP), Level 3's softswitch-based network, and thousands-block number pooling.

Level 3 explained that it has made the necessary technical changes to its network to enable it to donate numbers into pooling trials and allow numbers to be ported into Level 3's network, as detailed in an ex parte presentation filed with the Commission on May 17, 2001. In addition, the company continues work to resolve remaining technical issues, including working with Neustar regarding technical issues associated with Level 3 participating in number pooling.

At this meeting, Level 3 also discussed a ruling by the Joint Assigned Commissioners and Administrative Law Judge of the Public Utilities Commission of California requiring wireline carriers who are not yet LNP capable to donate 1,000-number blocks to the Pooling Administrator (attached). Level 3 expressed its belief that this ruling is consistent with the company's plans to port numbers into its network and participate in number pooling.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,



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Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Jeffrey Carlisle, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief  
Diane Harmon, Acting Division Chief  
Sanford Williams, Attorney Advisor