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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Salas:

On October 4, 2001, on behalf of an Alliance of 250 small and rural incumbent local exchange companies, I held a teleconference with Kyle D. Dixon, legal advisor to Chairman Powell, to discuss the above-captioned matter.

We discussed the concerns of the Alliance members with the potential adverse impact on rural subscribers that could result from increased subscriber line charges imposed in the absence of clear and concomitant benefits for rural subscribers. In addition we discussed the concerns of the Alliance members with respect to consideration of changes in existing access structures. On behalf of the Alliance members, I urged that the Commission issue a further NPRM to provide an opportunity for all parties to address appropriate access structures for rural telephone company service areas.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. Kraskin

Cc: Chairman Powell  
Kyle D. Dixon, Esq.

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