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November 1, 2001

EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication: CCB Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571,
92-237, 99-200, 95-116*

Dear Ms. Salas:

On 30 October 2001, Marc Berejka of Microsoft and undersigned counsel for Microsoft, met with Common Carrier Bureau Chief Dorothy Attwood, Deputy Bureau Chief Carol Matthey, Competitive Pricing Division Chief Jane Jackson, Accounting Policy Division Chief Katherine Schroder, and Counsel to the Bureau Chief Jack Zinman.

We discussed VoIP, as follows.

We presented Microsoft's view that VoIP may well be the desktop application that drives broadband acceptance, particularly when combined with text and video messaging, application sharing, online broadcasting and other innovative features. We also suggested that under current law and regulation VoIP from the desktop, as it is being developed, is obviously an enhanced service. The attached presentation was made to emphasize this point.

We also suggested that it is important that a universal service mechanism be found that is sustainable. To that end, we said that the Commission might consider universal service mechanisms that do not necessarily rely on a bright line distinction between information services and telecommunications. We also said that the Commission must take care to ensure that any such mechanism does not create a disincentive for consumers to adopt residential broadband.

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We ended by urging the Commission to leave the ESP exemption outside of the current intercarrier compensation proceeding, as it had said it would in the NPRM in that proceeding.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Scott Blake Harris

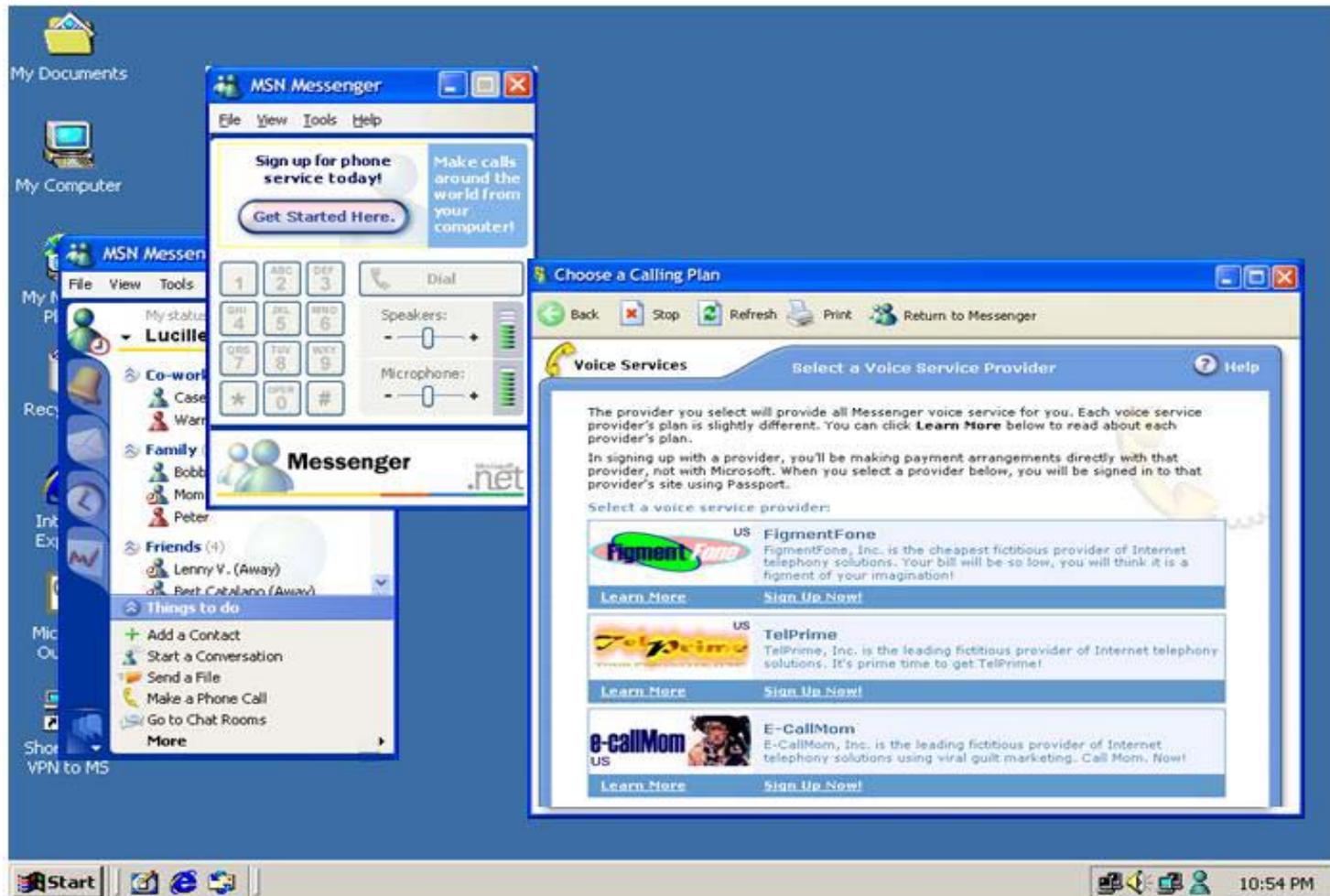
Enclosure

cc: Dorothy Attwood
Carol Matthey
Jane Jackson
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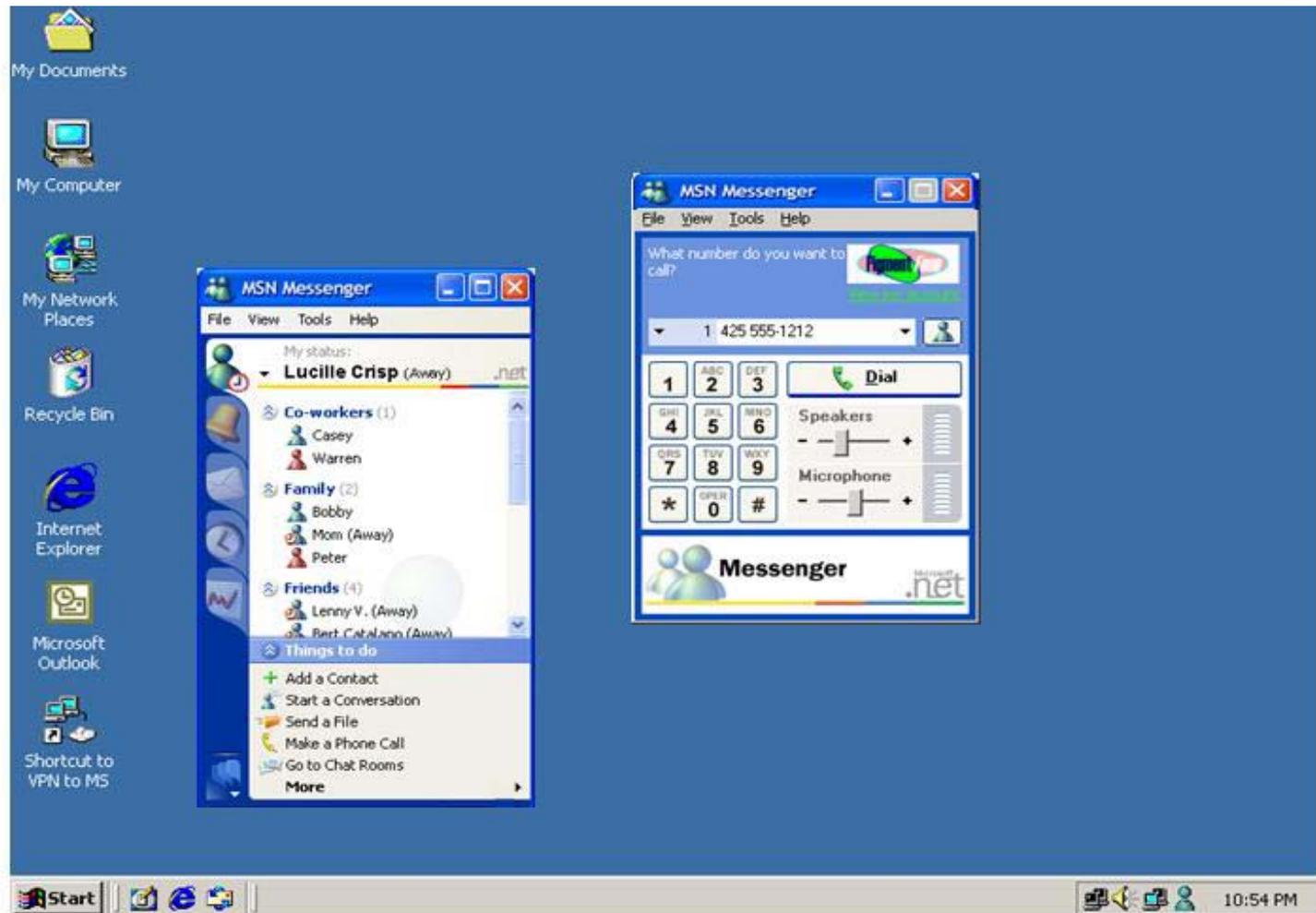
Real Time Communications Capabilities of Windows Messenger

Marc Berejka
Microsoft Corporation

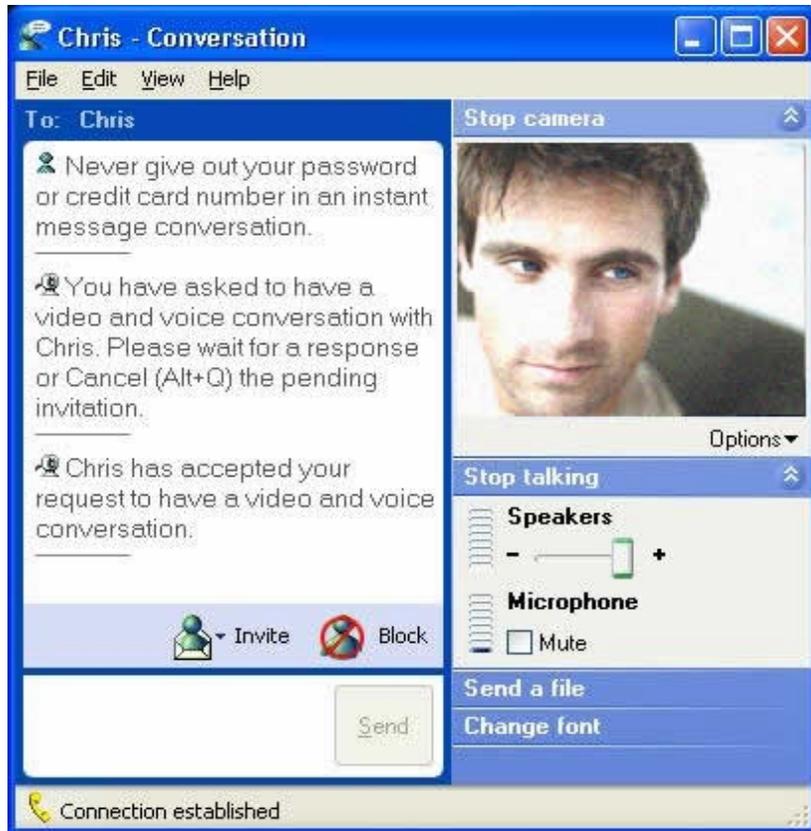
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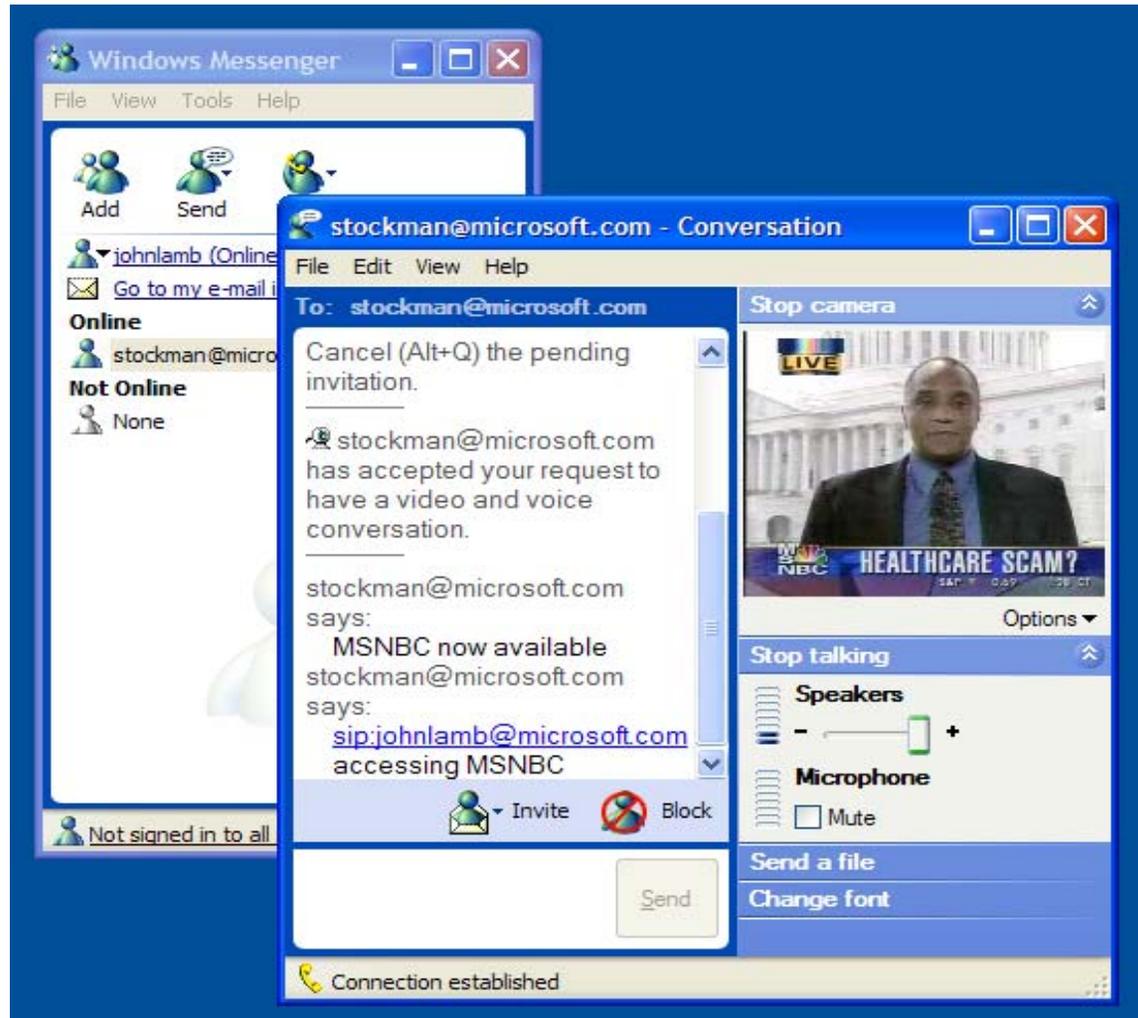
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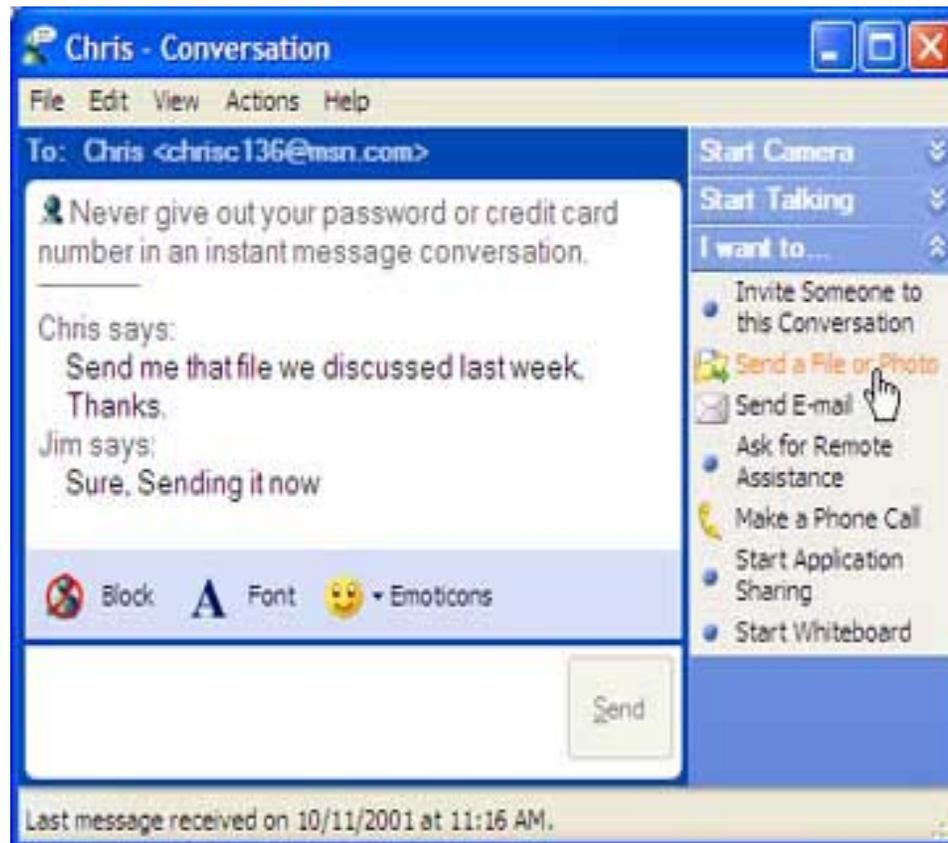
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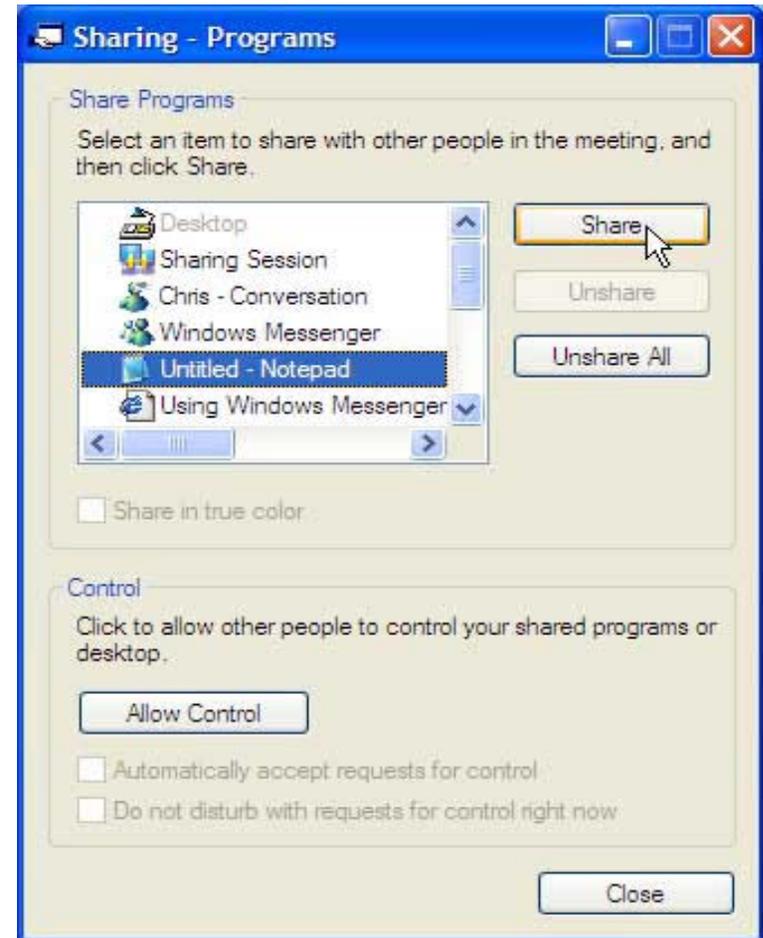
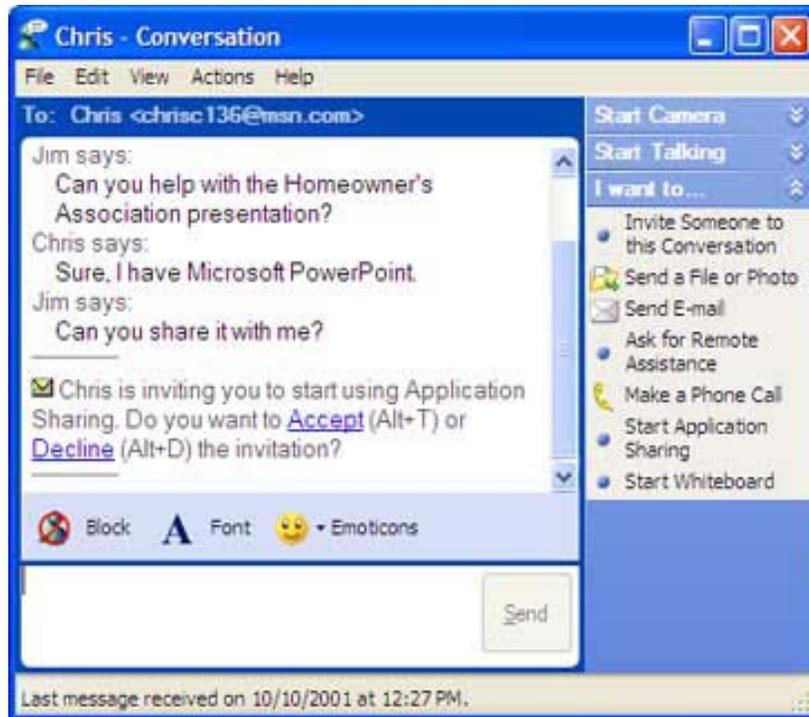
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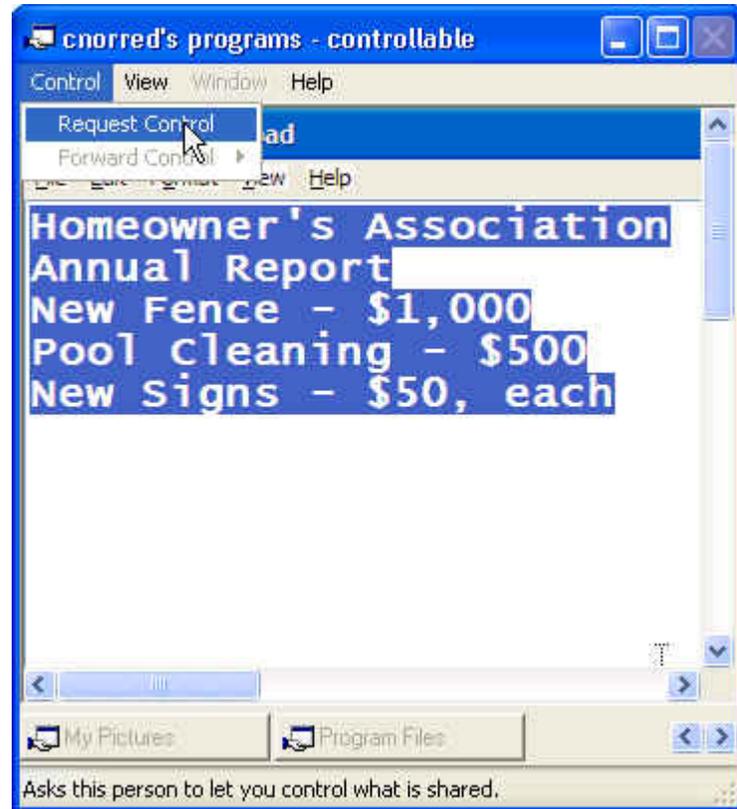
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Application Sharing



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Remote Assistance

