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VIA COURIER

Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte*
CC Docket No. 96-98/

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Sections 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this will provide notice that on November 1, 2001 Pamela Arluk, Focal Communications Corporation, Jonathan Askin, Association for Local Telecommunications Services, and the undersigned met with Sam Feder, Office of Commissioner Kevin Martin concerning issues in the above-captioned proceeding. We urged the Commission to include special access performance metrics in its *Performance Metrics NPRM*.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Donovan

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cc: Sam Feder

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