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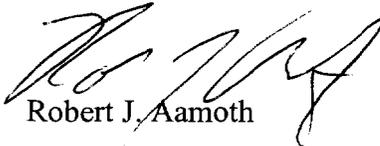
Re: Ex Parte Presentation in IB Docket No. 96-261

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. ("ATN"), I am enclosing for the record a copy of a letter from the National Education Telecommunications Organization/EDSAT to Chairman Powell on October 19, 2001. The letter expresses support for ATN's petition seeking a waiver of the settlement rate benchmark on the U.S.-Guyana route.

Please address any inquiries to the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,


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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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October 19, 2001

Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

The NETO/EDSAT is a United States, not-for-profit, education organization. One of its projects, EDSAT-Americas, is a joint, multi-lateral, multi-cultural initiative with sixteen Latin American and Caribbean countries exploring how best to establish a hemispheric mechanism that operates and manages access to affordable and equitable educational, health care, and other public service institutions. The objective is to aggregate the countries resources in order to even the playing field for large and small countries, with affordable access to the Internet, universal services, and other educational networks.

As you are well aware, many small and developing countries in this hemisphere have difficulty in attracting the interest of, as well as finding, affordable services of multi-national telecommunications companies. As an non-governmental organization (NGO) interested in the use of telecommunications by the education and public service markets since 1988, we welcome and support the efforts of small telecommunications companies who recognize their responsibility to invest in education, health care, and other public service institutions.

Guyana is one of the sixteen EDSAT-Americas participating countries trying to improve teacher education and, equally important, trying to reach a major portion of the student body in rural, low-income, agricultural and hard-to-reach communities with basic and higher education programming. Through this relationship, in some of our projects and meetings, we have come to learn about the many productive and successful education programs and initiatives of the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company (GT&T) and the Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. (ATN). We hope the Chairman and FCC will take steps to encourage and make it possible for small telecommunications companies, such as these, to continue their investments in infrastructure to bring affordable and equitable, educational opportunities to all students regardless of geography, size, or wealth of community.

Thank you for you interest and support.

Sincerely,


Shelly Weinstein
President & CEO

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