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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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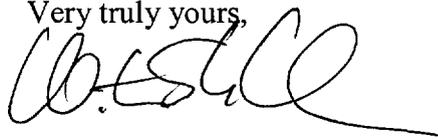
Re: WT Docket No. 01-184: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is to inform you that on November 27, 2001, the undersigned, representing Leap Wireless International, met with Bryan Tramont, advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy with regard to Verizon Wireless' Petition for permanent forbearance from the Commission's number portability mandate. The undersigned reiterated Leap's opposition to forbearance, and stated that the cost to carriers of implementing this mandate would be fairly low. Especially low would be the minimum cost of complying with the Commission's mandate: implementing the ability to port numbers *out* – allowing customers to take phone numbers with them – as opposed to porting numbers *in*, and allowing customers to bring numbers from other carriers. Leap believes that it will incur no more than \$1.5 to \$2 million in such costs when it implements LNP in all of its service territories.

Moreover, the undersigned stated that the benefits of LNP to consumers will be significant, and that market forces alone would not bring these benefits. The only way to ensure that carriers will port numbers out to other carriers will be to require them to do so. The original and one copy of this letter are enclosed.

Very truly yours,



William S. Carnell
of LATHAM & WATKINS

cc: Bryan Tramont

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