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December 4, 2001

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice  
CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 00-256  
CC Docket No. 98-77, CC Docket No. 98-166

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, Bill Scher, Rich Lerner, Jack Zinman, Ted Burmeister, and Doug Slotten of the Common Carrier Bureau had a conference call with Scott Reiter and Dan Mitchell of the National Telephone Cooperative Association. During our conversation we discussed the Commission's MAG Order and resulting new rules. The discussion focused specifically on § 54.901, § 69.104, and § 69.131 of the new rules and the Order's changes to the Lifeline support amounts.

In accordance with the FCC's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell  
Daniel Mitchell  
Sr. Regulatory Counsel

cc: Bill Scher, FCC