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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
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**Re: Ex Parte Meetings
CC Docket No. 01-40**

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Pursuant to the Commission's *ex parte* rules, this letter is to notify you that on December 6, 2001, representatives from the National ALEC Association/Prepaid Communications Association ("NALA/PCA") and the Association of Communications Enterprises ("ASCENT") had two meetings with Commission staff. The purpose of both meetings was to discuss the status of the comments filed by each of these parties in the above referenced proceeding. The FCC staff in one meeting was Kyle Dixon from Chairman Powell's office. The FCC staff in the other meeting was Aliza Katz from the FCC's General Counsel's office, and Jack Yochbes and Ann Stevens from the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy Division. NALA/PCA was represented by Glenn Richards, Larry Seab, Chad Hazam, Charlie McGuffie, Frank Evans, Dom Marchitto, and Charlene Petty. ASCENT was represented by Steve Trotman.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this *ex parte* notice have been filed with the Secretary's office.

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Please refer all questions and correspondence regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn S. Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Glenn S. Richards

cc: Kyle Dixon
Aliza Katz
Jack Yochbes
Ann Stevens
Janice M. Myles
FCC Commercial Contractor

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