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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Ex Parte Presentations, WT Docket 01-184**

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter serves as notification that on the following dates VoiceStream Wireless Corporation (represented by Brian O'Connor, Anna Miller, and Bob Calaff) held separate meetings with the following Commission personnel:

- January 16, 2002: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and Bryan Tramont
- January 16, 2002: Paul Margie, Office of Commissioner Michael Copps
- January 18, 2002: Sam Feder and Monica Shah Desai, Office of Commissioner Kevin Martin
- January 18, 2002: Dane Snowden, Margaret Egler, Genaro Fullano and Michele Walters, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

The purpose of these meetings was to express VoiceStream's support for the Petition for Forebearance filed by Verizon Wireless of the Commission's wireless number portability requirements. In particular, VoiceStream noted that – after initially supporting number portability requirements for wireless carriers – it changed its position approximately one year ago. It did so upon considerable reflection of three primary factors: (a) it has been VoiceStream's experience that price, coverage and service quality are the primary drivers of the robust competition among wireless operators; (b) the significant service disruptions that wireless consumers would experience under the current wireless number portability schedule outweigh the marginal consumer benefit of wireless number portability; and (c) the importance of effective and timely implementation of thousand block number pooling for successful number resource

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conservation efforts (which could be fatally hampered by concurrent implementation of pooling and porting). The summary of VoiceStream's presentation distributed during these meetings is attached.

Please contact us should you have questions regarding the foregoing submission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian T. O'Connor

Brian T. O'Connor  
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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Kathleen Abernathy  
Bryan Tramont  
Paul Margie  
Sam Feder  
Monica Shah Desai  
Dane Snowden  
Margaret Egler  
Genaro Fullano  
Michele Walters