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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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EX PARTE

CC Docket No. 00-199 – 2000 Biennial Review – Comprehensive Review of Accounting Requirements

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 18, 2002 BellSouth Corporation filed an Ex Parte in the above referenced proceeding advising that Verizon was also making the request that the Commission modify the effective date of the Part 32 Chart of Accounts rule changes to be January 1, 2003.

Mr. Tim Peterson, Deputy Chief Accounting Safeguards Division, asked Verizon to provide a separate letter confirming the information in the BellSouth Ex Parte. This letter does confirm the information in the BellSouth Ex Parte.

An original and one copy of this Ex Parte are being filed in the Office of the Secretary today, January 31, 2002. Please include it in the public record of the above referenced proceeding as required under Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald Asch".

cc: Mr. T. Peterson