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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex-Parte in CC Docket Nos: 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166*

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9, 2002 Richard Cameron of this office and I had ex parte contacts with the following staff of the Wireline Competition Bureau: Jack Zinman, Doug Slotten, Jay Atkinson and Ted Burmeister. The subject of these discussions was the pending petition filed by CenturyTel, Inc. ("CenturyTel") for reconsideration of the FCC's November 8, 2001 order (FCC 01-304, 16 FCC Rcd 19613 (2001)) in the above-captioned dockets (the "MAG Order"). We discussed CenturyTel's limited request for reconsideration to the extent necessary to preserve its current intrastate traffic-sensitive cost recovery in those states where intrastate traffic-sensitive access charges are required automatically to "mirror" interstate traffic-sensitive rates. We provided copies of CenturyTel's publicly filed December 31, 2001 Petition for Reconsideration and its March 1, 2002 Reply to Opposition to Petition for Reconsideration in this proceeding. We also provided information about progress being made in Indiana and Arkansas to resolve this issue, and estimated that CenturyTel will require at least until December 31, 2002 to resolve matters in Arkansas. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me

Very truly yours,

Karen Brinkmann