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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene R. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte*  
CC Docket Nos. 98-147, 01-  
321, 01-337, 01-338, 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this will provide notice that on April 25, 2002, Wanda Montano, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, US LEC Corporation, and the undersigned met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and Matthew Brill; Kyle Dixon Office of the Chairman; Jordan Goldstein, Office of Commissioner Michael Copps; and with Uzoma Onyeije, Renee Crittendon, Mark Stone, Pam Megna, Cathy Zima, and Jermone Stanshine, Wireline Competition Bureau, concerning issues in the above-captioned proceedings. We urged the Commission to promptly adopt performance metrics with adequate penalties governing ILEC provisioning of interstate special access service, especially in light of continuing outages experienced in service received from BellSouth. We stressed the importance of

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other key issues before the Commission as set forth in the attached document  
which was provided at the meetings.

Sincerely,

*Patrick J. Donovan* <sup>com</sup>

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cc: Hon. Kathleen Abernathy  
Matthew Brill  
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Jordan Goldstein  
Uzoma Onyeije  
Renee Crittendon  
Mark Stone  
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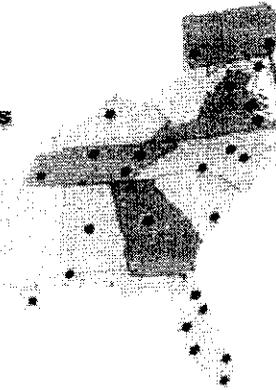
## **US LEC CORP.**

- Aaron Cowell, President
- Wanda Montano, Vice President Regulatory Affairs
  - April 25, 2002

# US LEC CORP. COMPANY OVERVIEW

WELCOME TO US LEC.

*We are a telecommunications carrier providing integrated voice, data and Internet services. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, we serve major cities throughout the southeastern and mid-Atlantic United States.*



- Headquartered in Charlotte, NC
- 7,000 medium- and large-sized business customers
- 70 markets served
- Offers local, long distance, calling card, dedicated Internet access, digital private line and frame relay services
- Net revenue for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2001 totaled \$51.5 million
- Fully funded business plan

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## CRITICAL REGULATORY ISSUES

- Special access performance metrics
- Strong enforcement
- Dominant treatment of ILEC wholesale high-capacity services
- Facilities-based competition initially requires use of ILEC facilities
- Continued Title II regulation of broadband
- Access to high capacity loops and transport
- “Fresh Look”