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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*

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Wednesday, August 14, Thursday, August 15 and Friday, August 16, 2002 John Jones of CenturyTel and I had ex parte contacts with Commissioner Abernathy, Matt Brill, Commissioner Martin, Dan Gonzalez and Jordan Goldstein. The subject of these discussions was the pending proposal to eliminate the "All-or-Nothing" rules, as well as the pending reconsideration petitions in the universal service proceeding. The enclosed materials were distributed. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

Karen Brinkmann

Enclosure