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EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 18, 2002, Rick Hitz and Mark Dinneen, of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”), and I, on behalf of GCI, met with Tom Navin, Deputy Division Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau (“WCB”), Mike Engle, Elizabeth Yockus, Jeremy Miller, and Julie Veach, all of the Competition Policy Division, WCB.

We discussed the fact that GCI is currently using all modes of entry permitted under the 1996 Act from full facilities to UNE-P and would be impaired without access to all modes of entry as to at least some of the product and geographic markets that GCI serves. We stated that access to conditioned loops was critical to GCI’s service to business customers. We also stated that, in areas where GCI cannot obtain access to an unbundled loop, GCI needs access to the UNE platform, including switching, in order to serve customers, and GCI would be impaired without that access. GCI also needs access to UNE-P where the ILEC cannot or will not provision UNE-L in a timely manner, and to initiate service in markets that GCI is building out.

We stated that recent marketing campaigns by both GCI and ACS in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau show that competition does work to the benefit of consumers and ensures that consumers get the best value service at the most beneficial price. Copies of advertisements run in connection with those marketing campaigns are attached.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in each of above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,


John T. Nakahata

Attachment