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**EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing**

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

Re: CC Dockets No. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200,  
95-116, 98-170, and NSD File No. L-00-72

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 19, 2002 and on September 20, 2002, I spoke with Chris Libertelli, Legal Advisor to the Chairman, Matthew Brill, Acting Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, and Diane Law Hsu, Acting Deputy Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

I clarified that in some earlier CoSUS filings CoSUS had described an estimate of multiline business assessments at rates between \$2.50 and \$3.00. Those estimates were averages of the Centrex and non-Centrex assessments, and had they been broken out separately would have had a \$0.40-\$0.50 Centrex assessment and a \$3.50-\$4.00 non-Centrex switched multiline business assessment.

In addition, AT&T has informed the Coalition that it has difficulty implementing a portion of the COSUS plan on April 1, 2003, as specifically described in the COSUS proposal. AT&T is exploring various solutions.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

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Counsel to the Coalition for Sustainable  
Universal Service

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