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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW - 204
Washington, DC 20554

Re In the Matter of Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Local Telecommunications Act of 1996; CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, in a conversation with Commissioner Kevin Martin, I discussed matters related to the referenced proceeding. In particular, I emphasized that UNE-P is today essential for competition in the provision of local telecommunications services to residential and small business customers, and that loop access and provisioning difficulties along with loop, collocation, transport, and related costs continue to preclude the deployment of competitive switches. I also discussed the important role of the states in fostering competition in local markets, the central role that the states should play in any determination to "de-list" UNEs, and AT&T's views concerning preemption of the states. All of my comments were consistent with AT&T's written submissions in the reference proceeding.

One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted for the referenced proceeding in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

cc: Commissioner Martin

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