

February 4, 2003

*Via Electronic Filing*  
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-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

In the Matter of Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 95-20, 98-10

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Vin Weber and Tim Morrison of Clark and Weinstock, consultants to AT&T, discussed with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin matters related to the referenced proceedings. Specifically, and consistent with AT&T's written submissions, we discussed local telephone competition and the important role of the states in promoting competition. We argued that the states should play a central role in any determination to eliminate UNEs, and discussed views concerning preemption of the states. We also discussed the importance of providing competitors with access to ILEC loop facilities, including fiber facilities, for the provision of competitive voice services. During the course of the meetings we also shared the attached document with Commissioner Martin. Our comments were consistent with AT&T's written submissions in the reference proceedings.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vin Weber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Kevin Martin



December 13, 2002

**AT&T RESPONSE TO KEVIN MARTIN'S PLI SPEECH**

We applaud Commission Kevin Martin's efforts to lay the groundwork for a healthy public policy strategy for the telecom industry. He framed what has become a contentious debate into a thoughtful, results-oriented plan to address the issues facing the telecom industry.

We are especially encouraged that Commissioner Martin recognizes the critical needs of the competitive industry and vehemently expressed his support for states to make the determination regarding the existence of alternative facilities-based providers and whether, and to what extent impairment exists with respect to the ability of new entrants to access the market. Other key factors of Commissioner Martin's plan include the need for unbundling in markets with insufficient alternative facilities providers, and deregulation of fiber to the home ONLY in new build situations where fiber is deployed from the central office to a customer premise.

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