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EX PARTE – VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 00-46; CC Docket No. 95-182; WC Docket No. 03-18
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, on August 6, 2003, I met with Commissioner Martin and Dan Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor, to discuss issues raised in the referenced proceedings. Consistent with its prior filings in these proceedings, GCI stated its opposition to the AT&T and Alascom Petition to Eliminate Conditions. Alascom's historic control of facilities throughout the Alaska bush requires the continued application of the current regulatory requirements in connection with Alascom's provision of Common Carrier Services under Tariff 11, including tariffing and cost accounting requirements, to ensure that just and reasonable rates are charged for these services throughout Alaska.

In addition, before any action on the AT&T/Alascom Petition to Eliminate Conditions is taken, the Commission must complete its investigation of Alascom's Tariff 11 rates, which investigation has been pending since 1995. The Commission will not be able to reach the tariff and rate issues raised by the Petition until this tariff investigation and related waiver proceeding have been completed. Finally, completion of these proceedings necessarily requires Alascom to provide for review certain related documents and materials, consistent with the Protective Order agreed upon by Alascom and GCI and issued on July 10, 2003 (DA 03-2278).

In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/
Tina M. Pidgeon
Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs