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EX PARTE

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

Re: WC Docket 02-361

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on February 3, 2004, BellSouth met with Tamara Preiss and Jennifer McKee of the Wireline Competition Bureau concerning AT&T's Petition for Declaratory Ruling in the docket identified above. Representing BellSouth at these meetings were Jonathon Banks and the undersigned. The attached presentation was distributed at this meeting and formed the basis for our discussion.

The attached presentation was distributed at these meetings and formed the basis for discussion. In particular, BellSouth described the history of its negotiations with IXCs and CLECs and explained how those experiences undermine any argument that the industry has somehow presumed the services described in AT&T's petition as being exempt from access charges.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, please include this notice and attachments in the record of the proceeding identified above.

Sincerely,



Glenn T. Reynolds

cc: Tamara Preiss
Jennifer McKee