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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket numbers 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday Praveen Goyal, Covad Communications Company, met with Scott Bergmann regarding the above-referenced dockets. During the meeting Covad discussed the need for the Commission to act quickly to preserve access to line sharing beyond the pending October 2004 cut-off of access to new line sharing orders. Covad discussed the positive statements made by Chairman Powell, Commissioner Copps and Commissioner Adelstein, as set out in recent news reports, in favor of preserving line sharing,¹ suggesting that a majority of Commissioners now favor preserving line sharing. In light of these statements of support, Covad discussed its belief that the Commission had a unique opportunity to act now to preserve line sharing beyond the October 2004 cut off date.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See TR Daily, Aug. 3, 2004 and Aug. 4, 2004.