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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: CC Docket 01-338; 01-337; 02-33; 04-48; 03-251; 04-245

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on September 14, 2004, Duane Ackerman, Chairman and CEO of BellSouth Corporation met with Chairman Powell and his Senior Legal Advisor Chris Libertelli. In this meeting, Mr. Ackerman discussed generally the need for Commission action in a number of pending proceedings to reduce the regulatory burden on the provision of broadband services by incumbent local carriers. The comments of Mr. Ackerman were consistent with BellSouth's previous filings in these proceedings.

In addition, Mr. Ackerman urged the Commission to complete its rulemaking establishing new rules for unbundled network elements by the end of the year to bring needed certainty to the industry.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the docket identified above.

Sincerely,



Glenn T. Reynolds

Cc: Christopher Libertelli