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Magalie R. Salas, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: EX PARTE FILINGS FOR CC Docket Nos. 99-68 (Inter-Carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic), 96-98 (Local Competition), CC Docket Nos. 96-262 (Access Charge Reform), 94-1 (Price Cap Performance Review), 99-249 (Low-Volume Long Distance Users), 96-45 (Universal Service).

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday (after 5:00 pm), I spoke with the following persons from the FCC regarding the above referenced dockets: Commissioner Susan Ness and Jordan Goldstein. I expressed support for the position that the FCC should not limit the flexibility of the States to address reciprocal compensation in the context of arbitration agreements made pursuant to federal law. Specifically, I referenced the interconnection agreements approved by the Michigan PSC involving Ameritech and Verizon.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 517-241-6195.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Nelson  
Commissioner

cc J. B. Ramsay

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