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Mr. William F. Calon Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Room 222 Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Ex Parte Statement
Docket 91-141, In The Matter of Expanded
Interconnection with Local Telephone
Company Facilities

Dear Mr. Catoru

On June 10, 1994, the United States Court of Appeals issued an order vacating the mandatory requirement for physical collocation. Ameritech's position on the treatment of expanded interconnection arrangements in the context of that ruling is as follows:

- Ameritach supports afficient interconnection arrangements as a means of promoting competition. We have consistently advocated this position in the context of our Customers First Plan.
- Ameritech will honor its existing tariffs until they have been modified or withdrawn, but as a policy matter will not offer physical collocation.
- The Commission should not mandate any specific interconnection
 arrangement, but rather should set general standards. The choice of specific
 interconnection arrangement alternatives to physical collocation should be
 left solely to the LEC's discretion.
- Collocation arrangements should be limited to transmission equipment only.

 Ameritech may change, modify or withdraw existing interconnection arrangements at its discretion. However, Ameritech is committed to an orderly transition to the deployment of alternative interconnection arrangements.

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