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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.—The Portals
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: America Online, Inc. Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
Applications of America Online, Inc. and Time Warner Inc.
for Transfers of Control, CS Docket No. 00-30 /**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of America Online, Inc. ("AOL"), submitted herewith pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules are an original and one copy of this notice regarding a permitted oral *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding. On November 9, 2000, Steven N. Teplitz, Vice President, Telecommunications Policy, AOL; Eric Bosco, Senior Technical Director, Systems and Advanced Technologies, AOL; Peter D. Ross, Partner, Wiley, Rein & Fielding; and the undersigned spoke via telephone with James Bird, FCC Assistant General Counsel; Joel Rabinovitz, Office of General Counsel; Gerald R. Faulhaber, FCC Chief Economist, Office of Plans and Policy; Darryl Cooper, Cable Services Bureau; and John Berresford, Common Carrier Bureau, regarding interoperability between instant messaging ("IM") services. Later that afternoon, Mr. Ross and Mr. Cooper also had a brief follow-up conversation on this same subject.

During these discussions, AOL and its representatives emphasized the clear distinction between (1) true, server-to-server interoperability, which both AOL and the Internet Engineering Task Force ("IETF") are working toward, and (2) the "multi-headed client" approach advocated by Microsoft, *et al.* AOL explained that the multi-headed client approach would not provide—or advance the cause of—true interoperability between IM services; would create barriers to accommodating additional IM providers beyond those services initially incorporated into the client software; and would impose significant obstacles to innovation. In addition, multi-headed clients would create significant privacy, security, performance, and reliability risks, as AOL has previously described.

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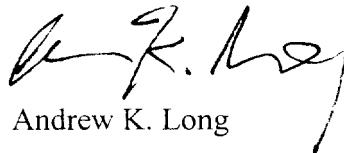
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Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew K. Long

cc: James Bird, FCC Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel
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