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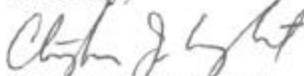
**Re: AOL/Time Warner Application for Consent to Transfer of Control,  
CS Docket No. 00-30**

Dear Counsel:

As you know, we published a timeline earlier this year that was designed to ensure that parties who submit license transfer applications in a complete and timely fashion will have those applications resolved within 180 days. We noted that our timeline should be viewed "as a flexible tool, not an effort to force the review of all diverse transactions into one inflexible mold." *See Proposed Timeline for Consider of Applications for Transfers or Assignments of License or Requests for Authorizations Relating to Complex Mergers*, [www.fcc.gov/transaction/timeline](http://www.fcc.gov/transaction/timeline).

Against that backdrop, I advised you on October 11 that we were "stopping the clock" on consideration of your license transfer application pending action by the Federal Trade Commission because "the factual basis for the FCC's review of whether a license transfer is in the public interest may be affected by the antitrust agency's determination." I also said that, after the FTC had acted, "we will promptly publish an anticipated timeline for FCC action." Last Thursday, as you are of course well aware, the FTC approved your merger subject to conditions embodied in a proposed consent decree. Now that the FTC has acted, in the interest of reaching an expeditious resolution of this proceeding, we encourage parties who wish to provide additional information to do so promptly. The Commission will endeavor to take action as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Christopher J. Wright  
General Counsel