

March 30, 2001

EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: IB Docket No. 00-187

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 7, 2001, John Stanton, Chairman and CEO of VoiceStream Wireless, and Brian O'Connor, Vice President, VoiceStream, met with Commissioner Tristani and Adam Krinsky, Legal Adviser to Commissioner Tristani, regarding the above-captioned proceeding. During their conversation, Mr. Stanton stated that the transaction was in the public interest, and was necessary to help VoiceStream continue to deploy its services around the country. Mr. Stanton also made the point that VoiceStream's merger with Deutsche Telekom would help increase jobs, not subtract jobs, because as VoiceStream grew, it needed to add more employees to maintain and operate its networks and to provide customer service and sales. For these reasons, public interest groups including the National Consumers League, US Chamber of Commerce and the Communications Workers of America had filed in support of the merger. Mr. Stanton urged that the Commission complete its deliberations expeditiously, and stated that doing so would provide regulatory certainty to the marketplace.

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Sincerely,

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