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December 17, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission,
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: "Glide Path" Paper from the State Members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, CC Docket No. 80-286

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed please find the "Glide Path" paper prepared by the state members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations for the Commission's consideration in CC Docket No. 80-286. The state commissioners ask that the Commission notify the public that this paper has been filed with the Commission and establish a schedule for receiving public comment on the paper. The state commissioners suggest a schedule with initial comments to be filed with the Commission in late January, 2002, if possible followed by an open meeting in Washington, D.C., on February 13 or 14, 2002 (after the NARUC Winter Committee meetings), at which the members of the Joint Board could hear brief presentations from, and ask questions of, some of those who file initial comments. Reply comments could then be filed in early March, 2002, for the Joint Board's consideration.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at my direct number, 515-281-8272, or by email at david.lynch@iub.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

David J. Lynch
State Staff Chair,
Federal-State Joint Board on Separations

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