Secretary Magalie Roman Salas  
Federal Communications Commission  
445-12th Street, SW  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Filing, CC 96-45

May 14, 2001

Secretary Salas,

On Tuesday, May 8, 2001, members of the Education and Library Networks Coalition (EdLiNC, www.edlinc.org) met with Ellen Blackler and Mark Seifert of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss the recently released Notice of Proposed Rulemaking modifying the FCC’s rules for eligibility for certain services and implementation deadlines under the E-rate program (FCC 01-143).

Present on behalf of EdLiNC were: Richard Hershman, National Education Knowledge Industry Association; Dan Fuller, National School Boards Association; Debra Wilson, National Association of Independent Schools; Jefferson Burnett, National Association of Independent Schools; Sally Shake, Education Legislative Services; Lynne Bradley, American Library Association; Dale McDonald, National Catholic Educational Association; Saundra Shirley, American Library Association; Art Sheekey, Council of Chief State School Officers; Manesh Naik, Council of Great City Schools; Aleck Johnson, Consortium for School Networking and International Society for Technology in Education; and Jon Bernstein, Consortium for School Networking and International Society for Technology in Education.

The discussion included a review of the current funding demands and current funding availability, concerns among the educators about the administrative impact for both program participants and the program administrators of the proposed changes, and the experiences from Years 1 through 3 of the E-rate program that helped the Commission staff formulate the proposal.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact me directly at (202) 518-0847 or hershman@nekia.org.

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