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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 January 18, 2001, Andreas Tegge (of Deutsche Telekom), Henrike Frowein (of Deutsche Telekom), Brian O'Connor (of VoiceStream Wireless), Bob Calaff (of VoiceStream Wireless), John Harwood (of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering on behalf of Deutsche Telekom), Dan Phythyon (of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering on behalf of Deutsche Telekom), Lou Gurman (of Morrison & Foerster on behalf of VoiceStream), and I (on behalf of VoiceStream) met with Mark Schneider and Adler Bernard of the Office of Commissioner Susan Ness, and Bryan Tramont and Adam Kirschenbaum of the Office of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

We provided the FCC attendees with copies of the attached documents and presented the points set forth therein. In particular, we stated that these applications can and should be resolved in a timely manner, well before the conclusion of the Commission's 180-day period. The parties have completed and signed an agreement with the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation on national security, law enforcement and public safety matters, which we anticipated would be filed imminently. The comment periods have closed, and all issues are fully briefed. No commenters contested, and many supported, the pro-competitive, pro-consumer benefits that would result from the merger. Vigorous and rigorous review supports grant of these applications, and the Commission should expeditiously proceed to do so.

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In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter, with attachments, is being filed electronically in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ John T. Nakahata
John T. Nakahata

JTN/krs

Attachments

Cc (w/o attachments): Mr. Mark Schneider, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner
Ness

Mr. Adler Bernard, Office of Commissioner Ness

Mr. Bryan Tramont, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-

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Mr. Adam Kirschenbaum, Office of Commissioner Furchtgott-

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