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Attention: Communications Consultation

Dear Sir:

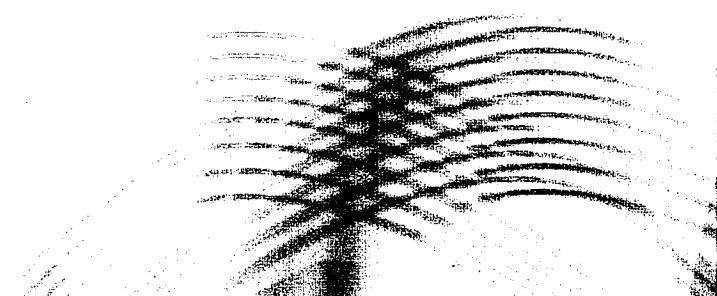
Re: Access & Interconnection Consultation

The “Consultation Paper on the Issues and Options for the Access and Interconnection Framework for Electronic Communications” in The Bahamas refers.

It is our understanding that Access and Interconnection are policies which will mandate the ability for a connection to be established between A and SMP where one of them is an SMP. It is not a policy by which it is intended that an SMP shall be required to give another licensee access to services (which may be proprietary in nature) offered by it for that licensee to resell to the public.

In the electronic communications industry it is accepted that access and interconnection is a transport issue and not a resale issue. By way of analogy if A has all red cars on an island and SMP has all blue cars on an adjacent island access and interconnection is understood to mean that SMP must provide the capability for A to build a bridge between the two islands so that traffic from A and

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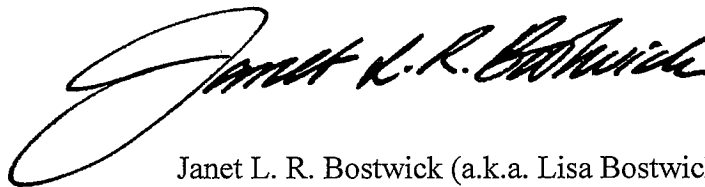
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traffic from SMP can move freely across the bridge to the other side. It does not mean that SMP must then give, or sell at some reduced rate, some of its cars to A for A to deliver to A's customers.

We request that the Committee ensures that the EU definition of "access" makes it expressly clear that A is not required to sell services offered by it to B for resale as a part of the proposed access and interconnection policy, framework and/or rules. The selling of services and or products by one licensee to another for resale to end users would be the subject of a separate resale/reseller agreement between those two parties. It is not the subject of an interconnect agreement.

In spite of the fact that the public were not been asked to comment on the Committee's decision to use the EU Directive definition of access together with the definition of interconnection in the Communications Act (para. 20)¹ we do hope that our comment will be taken into account and that our concern will be addressed.

Yours faithfully,
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¹ All paragraph numbers referred to herein are those used in the Consultation Paper.