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Concurring Statement
of
Commissioner James H. Quello

In re: AT&T PRO America Optional Calling Plan

While I share some of the Common Carrier Bureau's concerns about record support for these tariff revisions, I am very concerned that we are unnecessarily depriving American business of significant rate relief. The primary question seems to be the credibility of AT&T's demand elasticity projections which necessarily are imprecise. Foretelling the future entails some risk and I believe the AT&T proposal is sufficiently credible to allow it to take effect and investigate simultaneously. However, since my colleagues prefer a more cautious approach, I am willing to support that position with the understanding that the investigation need not take the full five months permitted under the statute.

I urge the Bureau to move as expeditiously as possible to resolve reasonable concerns so that the benefits of these proposed revisions can be quickly enjoyed by thousands of small and medium sized businesses across the nation. To withhold this kind of relief a day longer than absolutely necessary would be a disservice to American consumers who must ultimately pay the tariffed rates.

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