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From: Martha Brown
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2000 3:38 PM
To: Jorge Cruz-Bustillo
Cc: Kay Flynn; Richard Tudor; Cindy Miller
Subject: RE: AT&T's protest of the relay service award to Sprint

Thanks very much.

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From: Martha Brown
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To: Jorge Cruz-Bustillo
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Subject: AT&T's protest of the relay service award to Sprint
Importance: High

As you know, AT&T has filed a formal protest of the Commission's award of the new Florida Relay Service contract to Sprint. According to the APA, after a formal protest is filed, the agency and the protester must hold a meeting within 7 days to try to resolve the protest informally. If they cannot resolve the protest informally, and the agency determines that there are material disputed factual issues to be resolved, the agency must refer the case to DOAH for a formal hearing on the protest. We have scheduled an informal meeting with AT&T for this Wednesday, the last day of the 7-day period. We don't expect to resolve this matter at the meeting. AT&T has worded its protest in such a way as to indicate that there are disputed factual issues, and it has requested a DOAH hearing. Thus, we expect that we will need to refer this to DOAH, and we want to do it by 5:00 PM Wednesday, in order to protect our right to an expedited hearing.

Kay Flynn is preparing the case file and a referral letter that will be ready to go when I give her the go-ahead after the meeting on Wednesday. In keeping with our APM on DOAH referrals, by this e-mail I am requesting permission of the Chairman's office to refer the matter at the conclusion of the meeting, if we are unable to resolve the protest informally. Thanks.

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