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	1 that on the dedicated transport. We do			you, that's a little bit beyond I'm not	Ü
	2 that same monitoring and analysis, but I		2	sure what good it would do you because	
	3 will verify that again to make sure now		3	we're the ones that are actually going to	
	4 that I have a little clearer understanding		4	have to fix the individual problems that	
١	5 of what it was you were looking for.	,	5	occur.	
	6 MR. SRINIVASA: The network		6	I think some of the issues we	
	7 management administration the rates that		7	talked about before were a little bit	
	8 you have, you monitor all of your transport		8	different regarding the actual individual	
	9 facilities, DS1, DS3, if there is equipment		9	loops and doing a sample test on those	
	0 at each end and regenerators in between,			but	
	1 they do monitor them on a proactive basis,		11	MR. MINTER: When we	
	2 and you do have a maintenance program in		12	previously talked about this is Sean	
	3 the you have all the alarms.		13	Minter with AT&T. When we previously	
14	Tight.		14	talked about this recommendation, we had	
1:	THE STATE OF THE S		15	two pieces of it. One was testing these	
	6 that are purchased by the CLECs, if they're			individual lines. The second was really	
	7 high-capacity dedicated circuits, you're		17	what the recommendation said it was,	
	8 going to come back and verify or		18	develop a process for simulation modeling	
1	demonstrate that the same level of			for those measures for which actual results	
	proactive monitoring on the maintenance	2	20	are not available or are so limited that a	•
	system is done on that. Is that correct?			statistical comparison is not feasible. We	
22		2	22	have a lot of measures developed here that	
23			23	we have no data for.	
	Cowlishaw for AT&T. I think when we've had	1 2	24	The data is not available and	
25	discussions around this issue before one of		25	or in some cases the orders are so few that	
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	the difficulties has been that that kind of		1	you can't really do a statistically valid	Ü
	proactive monitoring is not documented in		2	sample. You guys didn't address in your	
	any way that is readily transferable to the			recommendation how you were going to dea	l
	CLEC to see that in fact it's getting that		4	with those situations.	
5	same monitoring.		5	MR. SIEGEL: Let me ask	
6			6	what's AT&T's position on how many how	
	this context about ALIT reports. The kind			large a sample needs to be before you can	
8	of monitoring, as we have understood it		8	do a statistically valid test on it.	
	from Southwestern Bell, that has been	1	9	MR. MINTER: There's two	
	talked about here doesn't reduce itself to			things. One is a statistically valid test	
11	any kind of documentation or measurement	1	. 1	will show that there's parity when a CLEC	
	that can be readily shared with the CLEC			is actually doing something. The second is	
	that's effective.			the stress testing, or what you call volume	
14				testing, to make sure it can actually	
	Dysart, Southwestern Bell. I think the	1	5	handle large volumes and still provide	
	issue that was brought up just recently to			parity. So a small sample for an	
	me was the unbundled transport. The issue	. 1	7	individual CLEC a CLEC is actually doing	
	with just normal lines that are connected			something, then that would be necessarity	
	to our switch, if we do it on ours, we do			for liquidated damages purposes, but to	
	it on everybody's lines and that			actually know that something has been done,	
	information is passed on to an analysis	2	1 :	you would have a high volume. Ten would	
	group where they will take that information			be for liquidated damages purposes, ten	
	and see if there are pockets of problems so			samples or so would probably be a valid	•
	we can do an analysis on the network.	j		sample.	
25	To provide that information to	2:	5	MR. SIEGEL: What would	

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1	you-all say for a sample?	1	simulation type testing that was happening	6
2	MR. DYSART: Randy Dysart,	1	there they went all the way through testing	
3	Southwestern Bell. Thirty is typically		the billing, and I can find more	
	what you would use for a valid sample.		information out about that for a complete	
5	MR. SRINIVASA: Coming back	1	simulation testing from end to end, and it	
6	to that, you brought up an issue on		was an independent third party, I believe,	
	simulation, that for those services or	1	that was doing that.	
8	those elements that are provided there are	8		
9	only a very few that do not have an	9	one testing you're talking about, it	
10	adequate number to come up with any	1	doesn't get into the provisions and	
11	statistically valid results, and you said	1	maintenance, but you only are trying to	
12	simulation. How do you expect them to do	1	find out preorder, order and billing cycle.	
13	that? What kind of simulation, create some		Is that what it is for these?	
14	orders and find out what happens?	14	MR. MINTER: To the extent	
15	MR. MINTER: It could get	15	that it's provisioning	
16	tied in with the OSS simulation testing.	16	MR. SRINIVASA: How would	
	That's something we would have to explore.	17	you do a simulation of provisioning and	
18	I thought you guys you didn't, even in		maintenance?	
	your recommendation, propose anything. So	19	MR. MINTER: Well, you	
20	we would I mean, you definitely want to	20	wouldn't want to provision 10,000 orders,	
21	do some sort of simulation testing, whether		but perhaps maybe you would provision 50 o	or
22	it's just no-assess simulation or actually	22	100 of them to a particular location all in	
23	all the way through delivery and billing		one day to test the capacity of even the	
	simulation, and those are the types of	24	provision processes and simulate trouble	
25	things we would have to talk about, and	25	tickets.	
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1	that's when we come in and talk about the	1	I'll have to find out how exactly	
2	simulation testing generally.	2	all this was worked in NYNEX because they	
3	MR. SRINIVASA: The emphasis	1	explored these same issues there.	
4	in here was on the dedicated transport on	4	MR. SIEGEL: Any ideas on	
5	end loops, dedicated transport being more	5	MR. COWLISHAW: What you're	
6	critical mission critical rather.	6	really doing is when you do a third-party	
7	MR. SIEGEL: If AT&T sent a		test of the OSS, you try and include some	
8	simulated order of whatever, you wanted to	1	of these items that maybe there's been	
9	see how something got provisions because	l	relatively little volume of so far as well	
10	provisions is the kind of actually in		as	
11	the real world doing something, but as far	11	MR. SIEGEL: We're just	
12	as billing formation, you've got those, and	12	trying to get an idea as to whether it's	
13	it's not something you're buying, what	13	third party or not third party, how	
14	would you need?		something might be designed.	
15	Would you need to you wouldn't	15	JUDGE FARROBA: When do we	
16	want it to go into your back systems	16	want that?	
17	because you wouldn't have something a	17	MR. SIEGEL: Soon. I	
18	false customer back there. If it was EDI,	18	would the 19th.	1
19	would you use an EDI simulator, and would	19	MR. MINTER: Okay.	
20	you use a different company code number so	20	MR. SIEGEL: Again, it's not	
	it wouldn't get on your regular bill?	21	that especially if you have difficulty	
22	MR. MINTER: This issue was		getting a hold of whoever your contact	
23	actually sort of addressed, I think, in		person may be in New York.	
24	NYNEX. I'm not sure how far they've gone	24	MR. SRINIVASA: Then the	
25	with that, but I know in some of their	25	issue on dedicated transport that our	