



June 21, 2001

Mr. James Q. Crowe  
Chairman, Network Reliability and Interoperability Council and  
Chief Executive Officer, Level 3 Communications, LLC  
Building 2000  
1025 Eldorado Boulevard  
Broomfield, Colorado 80021

Dear Chairman Crowe:

The NRIC V Interoperability Focus Group (Focus Group 4) has developed a consensus recommendation that it would like to place before the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council for consideration at its next meeting on June 26. The recommendation, which is attached, requests that the Council encourage Internet service providers, and especially the large “backbone” Internet providers that comprise the core of the modern Internet, to consider, consistent with their business practices, publication of their criteria for peering.

More specifically, Focus Group 4 believes that this action will promote transparency and facilitate interoperability, especially with respect to new Internet service providers. Accordingly, we respectfully request that you place this recommendation before the Council at its next meeting and, if it is adopted, that the Council publish this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Scott Bradner, Harvard University  
Co-Chairman, Focus Group 4

Ross Callon, Juniper Networks  
Co-Chairman, Focus Group 4

Attachment