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Memorandum

**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Subject: Summary of Phone Call from Vice-President for
Boeing Expendable Launch Services

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From: René J. Rey, AST-200

To: Final Rule Governing Licensing and Safety Requirements for Launch, Docket No. FAA-2000-7953

Patricia Grace Smith (AST-1) received a telephone call on June 30, 2003, from the Vice-President for Expendable Launch Services, the Boeing Company, informing AST-1 that Boeing had "broken ranks" with its industry partners as related to the FAA's launch rule rulemaking. The Vice-President indicated that while Boeing was still hopeful that it could resolve any differences between the FAA and industry as relates to the rule, Boeing had decided to work with the FAA to create a good result as opposed to continuing to fight the process. The Vice-President indicated further that Boeing wanted to work with the FAA, making Boeing engineers available to work any and all issues that remain.