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BY HAND

William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: CS Docket No. 96-46, Open Video Systems
CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 80-286, Amendment of Part 36 of the Commission's Rules
and Establishment of a Joint Board

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 19, 1996, Spencer Kaitz, Jerry Yanowitz, and Jeffrey Sinsheimer of the California Cable Television Association, and George Franciscovich of Century Communications met with Joseph Farrell, the Commission's Chief Economist to discuss cost allocation issues in connection with Open Video Systems services and the size and structure of the Universal Service Fund.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, two copies of this notice are being submitted. Due to the necessity for many of the meeting participants to travel, this letter is being filed today, the earliest practical date following the meeting. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,


Donna N. Lampert

cc: Joseph Farrell
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