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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CS Docket No. 96-46, Open Video Systems  
CC Docket No. 94-1, Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 20, 1996, Jeffrey Sinsheimer and Glenn Semow of the California Cable Television Association, and John Bickham of Time Warner Communications, and Robert Moel of Paragon Cable, met with A. Richard Metzger, Jr., Mary Beth Richards, Anna Gomez, and Richard Lerner of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss Open Video Systems ("OVS"), LEC price caps and other issues. Specifically, the need to prevent cross-subsidies on OVS systems was discussed, and the inability of price caps to prevent cross-subsidization, along with a variety of issues relating to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, including the size of the fund and the relationship between the fund, unbundling, and local competition issues.

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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Lampert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donna N. Lampert

cc: A. Richard Metzger, Jr.  
Mary Beth Richards  
Anna Gomez  
Richard Lerner