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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**

CC Docket No. 96-45 -- Federal-State Joint Board On Universal Service

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, I wish to report that on Wednesday, March 20, 1996, I and representatives of the National Indian Telecommunications Institute, the Navajo Nation, Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc., the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the National Telephone Cooperative Association, and the Consortium for School Networking met with Commissioner Rachelle Chong, Office of Communications Business Opportunities Director Catherine J.K. Sandoval, and Dan Gonzales and Robin Miller, members of Commissioner Chong's staff. The individuals present at this meeting were Karen Buller and Bambi Kraus (National Indian Telecommunications Institute), Irene Herder (The Navajo Nation), F.D. Richter (Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc.), Bill Mehojah and Peter Camp (Bureau of Indian Affairs), Roanne Robinson (National Telecommunications and Information Administration), L. Marie Guillory (National Telephone Cooperative Association), and William W. Wright (Consortium for School Networking). In the meeting we discussed participation by Native American tribes in the pending and upcoming universal service proceedings.

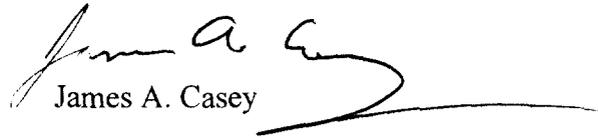
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Two copies of this letter have been submitted to the Secretary of the Commission for inclusion in the public record, as required by § 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules.

Very truly yours,

  
James A. Casey

cc: Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong  
Catherine J.K. Sandoval  
Dan Gonzales  
Robin Miller