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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. ~~96-45~~, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CS Docket No. 96-46, Open Video Systems

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 19, 1996, Jeffrey Sinsheimer and Glenn Semow of the California Cable Television Association, Thomas Leone of Cox Communications, and George Franciscovich of Century Communications, met with Commissioner Chong and Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Chong, to discuss Open Video Systems ("OVS") and other issues. Specifically, the need to prevent cross-subsidies on OVS systems was discussed, 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.

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: Commissioner Chong
Daniel Gonzalez