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William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Mail Stop 1170
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: CC Docket No.96-45 - Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service

Today, Colin Petheram, Regulatory Manager, Universal Service, Pacific Bell, Bob Butler of Wiley, Rein & Fielding, and I met with John Morabito, Deputy Chief, and Deborah Dupont of the Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, to discuss matters summarized in the attachment. We are submitting two copies of this notice in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules. Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



cc: Deborah Dupont
John Morabito

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SUBSCRIBERSHIP

- **Prohibition on disconnect for non-payment of long distance should be a last resort**
Neither remedies the problem of subscribership rates
Nor provides the services many 'at risk' customers consider to be essential
If LEC does not have blocking options then prohibition may be necessary
- **Subscribership can be Increased with Creative Grass Roots Marketing & Product Development**
Customer retains responsibility for service
Quick Dial Tone
Pre-paid Spending Cards
Toll Limits product in development
- **California Perspective on Toll Restriction**
Since December 1995 have 55,000 customers on restricted service
70% are 'at risk' customers
30% are customers requesting restricted service
- **Increase in Net Bad Debt**
In 96-45 proceeding Pennsylvania Telephone Association states 300% increase with prohibition in place

HEALTHCARE

- **Telemedicine Advisory Committee:**
Coordinate path forward between Health Care Providers, Telecommunications & Public Policy interests

- **Rural Health Care Providers:**
ISDN can provide access to various voice, data and video applications
e.g. blood pressure and ECG testing, monitoring of vital signs
Section 706 will address advanced services

EDUCATION

- **Federal Guidelines:**

FAC - Federal Advisory Committee

Providing minimum technical standards benchmark

- **State Administration of Education Fund:**

Review of 'bona fide' requests

Education policy is developed at the state level

California's Education First Initiative:

Up to 5 ISDN lines per school, library or community college

- Each ISDN line can serve up to 40 computers

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