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

RE: Ex Parte Notice; CC Docket  
No. 96-61 and CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is to confirm that on Wednesday, May 22, 1996, Dave Ecret, Special Assistant for Telecommunications and Utilities, Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI") and Thomas K. Crowe, counsel for the CNMI, met with Commissioner James H. Quello and Lauren J. Belvin, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner James H. Quello, to discuss the above-mentioned proceedings. During the meeting, Mr. Ecret and Mr. Crowe summarized the CNMI's comments in the respective proceedings. Mr. Ecret and Mr. Crowe urged the Commission not to overlook the CNMI when adopting universal service policies. With respect to rate integration, Mr. Ecret and Mr. Crowe reiterated their concern that implementation issues may delay the introduction of rate integration to the CNMI. Mr. Ecret and Mr. Crowe also urged the Commission to avoid lengthy implementation procedures. In the event that the Commission believes that a study or working group would be necessary, they requested that the Commission ensure that such group retain a narrow focus on relevant implementation issues.

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This ex parte notice should be included in the public record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen L. Greenan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kathleen L. Greenan,  
Counsel for the Commonwealth  
of the Northern Mariana Islands

cc: Commissioner James H. Quello  
Lauren J. Belvin  
Dave Ecret