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

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

Dear Mr. Caton:

On February 5, 1997, a group of USTA staff and members met with representatives of the Common Carrier Bureau. The USTA group included the undersigned, David Cohen, John Hunter, and Gary McBee of the USTA staff as well as Dan Hubbard (SBC), Tom Tauke (NYNEX), Barb Allgaier (U S WEST), Scott Randolph (GTE), Bob Blau (BellSouth), Alan Ciamporcero (Pacific Telesis), and Ed Young (Bell Atlantic). The representatives from the Common Carrier Bureau were Richard Metzger, Mary Beth Richards, Jane Jackson and Mindy Ginsburg.

The company representatives reviewed their respective positions in the Universal Service docket, and specifically the positions on cost recovery mechanisms for universal service contributions and the calculation of the funding base for those contributions. The positions stated were those contained in the comments filed by the companies on the recommendation of the Federal/State Joint Board.

Because of the lateness of the meeting, this notice is being filed today. An original and one copy of this ex parte notice are being filed in the Office of the Secretary. Please include this notice in the public record of these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McDermott

Vice President - Legal & Regulatory Affairs

cc: Richard Metzger Mary Beth Richards
Jane Jackson Mindy Ginsburg

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