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William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, and
Access Charge Reform, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 96-263, 94-1, and 91-213

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 10, 1997, Earl Comstock, Mitch Rose, and Anne Murphy of Senator Stevens' office met with Dan Gonzalez, Jim Casserly, Jim Coltharp, Richard Metzger, Richard Welch, Tim Peterson, Sonja Rifken, Rich Lerner, Lisa Gelb, Jeanine Poltronieri, and Diane Law of the FCC. The parties discussed the definitions of "telecommunications," "telecommunications service," and "telecommunications carriers" under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the effect of these definitions on the universal service proceeding, CC Docket 96-45, and the access charge reform proceeding, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 96-263, 94-1, and 91-213.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, two copies of this notice are attached for inclusion in the public record in the above-captioned proceedings.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Peterson
CCB Counsel

cc: Mr. Earl Comstock

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