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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: Ex Parte Submission  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 96-45  
Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs; CC  
Docket No. 97-160

Dear Mr. Caton:

Today, Richard Clarke and Michael Lieberman of AT&T, John Donovan of Telecom Visions, Inc., Chris Antis of PNR Associates, Inc., and I met with the FCC and Joint Board staff members listed at the end of this letter. Also attending the meeting were several representatives of the parties advocating the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM) and other interested parties. We presented the preliminary Hatfield Model results for the six wire centers -- Gunnison and Hayden, Colorado, Vernon and Albany, Texas; and Duluth and Waynesboro, Georgia -- provided earlier today in these dockets. In addition, we provided the FCC staff with the attached diskettes, which contain the EXCEL spreadsheets displaying the data in that filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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