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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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 Ms. Salas:

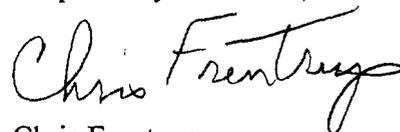
At their request, we have provided the attached information to Commission staff. Please associate it with the docket in the above-captioned proceeding.

The attached zip file contains an HAI 5.0a wire center expense module that provides users with the ability to enter expenses on a per-line basis. It follows generally the same pattern as the density zone version provided to the Commission on August 27. It contains a new worksheet, called "PerLine," that is essentially a large input table. The blue fields allow input of a per-line annual amount for each and every expense category used in the model. These values get turned into total annual amounts by multiplying by the number of loops in the appropriate category. Items entered into the general support, network operations, other taxes, or overhead categories gets assigned to the NID. The total values then flow to the "Exp by Service" worksheet and are folded in with the rest of the per-line amounts coming from the "Exp Assignment" worksheet. The "Exp Assignment" calculations are not affected by this addition, so it is possible to have expenses calculated both as a function of investment or direct cost, assigned by loop or as a function of direct investment, and also to have annual per-loop amounts.

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If there are any questions concerning these items, please contact me (202-887-2731), Rich Clarke (908-221-8685), Mark Bryant (512-328-6309), or Mike Lieberman (908-221-5467).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Frentrup". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "F".

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