

September 25, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING – NOTICE OF EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

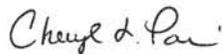
Re: *In the Matter of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 96-45,
Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122 and *A National
Broadband Plan For Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 23, 2014, Ken Pfister and John Barrett of Great Plains Communications, Dan Davis of Consortia Consulting, Jeff Pursley of Parrish Blessing and Associates and Cheryl Parrino of Parrino Strategic Consulting Group met with state members of the Universal Service Joint Board and their staff (the state attendees are listed in Attachment A) to discuss contributions reform on behalf of the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies (“NRIC”). We discussed the continuing importance of a state universal service role and options for reforming the contribution methodology.

We provided Attachment B to the state members and discussed NRIC's comments filed on July 9, 2012 in WC Docket No. 06-122.

Sincerely,



Cheryl L. Parrino

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Enclosures

Cc: Commissioner Cawley
Commissioner Bloom
Commissioner Brisé