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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation  
File Nos. 47-SAT-WAIV-97; 548-SSA-97(50); 1281-DSE-P/L-96  
(Call Sign E960327); ITC-95-341; IB Docket No. 96-111; CC Docket  
No. 93-23, RM-7931; CC Docket No. 87-75; IB Docket No. 95-41; 730-  
DSE-P/L-98; 647-DSE-P/L-98; 1217-SSA-98; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

The attached letter from Walter V. Purnell, Jr. was delivered to Chairman Kennard and the following FCC staff who worked on AMSC's testimony in connection with the Navajo hearing: Linda Haller, Eric Jensen, Belford Lawson III, and Sande Taxali.

Please refer any questions to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Lon C. Levin

cc: William E. Kennard  
Linda Haller  
Eric Jensen  
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WALTER V. PURNELL, JR.  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

March 25, 1999

William E. Kennard  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

Thank you for inviting American Mobile Satellite Corporation to participate in the FCC hearing on phone service to rural Native American populations. I was encouraged to hear the creative ideas to address this serious problem.

As promised in my testimony, American Mobile will bring forward an aggressive proposal to serve the rural Native American population. I look forward to meeting you to discuss the proposal in more detail as well as ideas on how changes in the allocation methodology of the Universal Service Fund can help bring service faster to rural Native Americans. I also hope to have the opportunity to encourage you to continue the FCC's long standing support of American Mobile's effort to secure access to 10 MHz of licensed spectrum so that American Mobile can better serve rural Native Americans and other segments of the United States' population.

Pursuant to FCC rules, this letter will be filed in the appropriate dockets.

I will contact your office soon to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Walter V. Purnell, Jr.'.

Walter V. Purnell, Jr.