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Ex Parte

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and CC Docket No. 97-160; Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LEC's

Dear Ms. Salas:

The attached chronology of events regarding the availability and completeness of the PNR data required to run the High Cost Proxy Model is provided in response to a request from Ms. R. Beynon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

Please include the attached paper into the record of the above proceedings. Any questions on this matter should be referred to me at either the address or telephone number shown above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susanne Guyer".

Attachment

cc: R. Beynon

Chronology of Complete Road Surrogate Data

6/2/99 – Commission released latest version of HCPM. Data still missing for Alaska, Virginia, Iowa, Puerto Rico and approximately 82 wire centers in 23 other states.

7/29/99 – PNR files an Ex Parte letter in order to notify the Secretary's office that they are submitting the final Road Surrogate data set to the Common Carrier Bureau's Accounting Policy Division.

8/2/99 – 8/5/99 – Spoke with PNR requesting a final copy of 100% Road Surrogate data.

9/7/99 – Received the final version of 100% Road Surrogate PNR input data. Data includes all missing states and wire centers.

9/20/99 – Began to run final version of PNR 100% Road Surrogate input data in order to create cluster data. This process is tedious and all attempts to run the data using the HCPM failed.

9/27/99 – PNR informs us that we need to direct all data support questions to the FCC.

9/29/99 – Informed Commission staff of problems we were experiencing running the PNR data. They noted that the disk release of the 6/2/99 HCPM was missing a critical file needed to process the PNR data. This was an inadvertent oversight, which they addressed on their HCPM website but neglected to inform USTA of the missing file. As such, those relying on the USTA copy of the HCPM would not be able to run the data. We informed USTA of the oversight and provided the fix. Cluster process is ongoing. To run the entire HCPM from cluster to output, for the non-rural companies only, is taking machine 140 hours.