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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 13, 1999, representatives from the Wyoming Public Service Commission met with Commissioner Susan Ness and Legal Advisor Jordan Goldstein to discuss Wyoming's concerns about the results of the decision regarding universal service funding for non-rural carriers. The concerns focused on the ultimate loss of funding, following the hold harmless period, given Wyoming's position as a high-cost state and its forerunner activities in implementing open local service markets to competition. Representing the Wyoming Public Service Commission were Chairman Steve Ellenbecker, Deputy Chairman Steve Furtney, Rate Supervisor Denise Parrish and Technical Analyst Dave Walker.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, the original and one copy of this letter, are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record for the above-mentioned proceedings. Acknowledgment of date of receipt of this transmittal is requested. A duplicate of this letter is provided for this purpose. Thank you for your consideration.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


STEVE ELLENBECKER
Chairman

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
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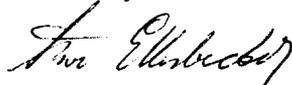
On December 14, 1999, representatives from the Wyoming Public Service Commission met with staff members of the Accounting Policy Division and the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss Wyoming's concerns about the results of the decision regarding universal service funding for non-rural carriers. The concerns focused on the ultimate loss of funding, following the hold harmless period, given Wyoming's position as a high-cost state and its forerunner activities in implementing open local service markets to competition. Also discussed were the specifics of the forward looking cost model and its inputs. Representing the Wyoming Public Service Commission were Chairman Steve Ellenbecker, Deputy Chairman Steve Furtney, Rate Supervisor Denise Parrish and Technical Analyst Dave Walker. The Federal Communications Commission Staff members present were: Yog Varma, Deputy Bureau Chief, Common Carrier Bureau; Irene Flannery, Chief, Accounting Policy Division; Katherine Schroder, Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division; Jack Zinman, Attorney, Accounting Policy Division; Katie King, Attorney, Accounting Policy Division; and Bob Loube, Economist, Accounting Policy Division.



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