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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing on behalf of Western Wireless Corporation to notify you that yesterday afternoon, my colleague Ronnie London and I made an *ex parte* presentation (by telephone) regarding the above-referenced proceeding to Sharon Webber, Deputy Chief of the Accounting Policy Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, and Gene Fullano and Katie King of the Division's staff. We discussed the implementation of Section 54.307 of the Commission's rules for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs"), as modified by the Ninth Report and Order and the Twentieth Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration in the above-referenced proceeding, and rural ETC data reporting issues raised by the *Rural Task Force Recommendation to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, released September 29, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Sharon Webber
Gene Fullano
Katie King

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