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**Re: Petition of the State Independent Alliance and the
Independent Telecommunications Group for a
Declaratory Ruling that the Basic Universal Service
Offering Provided by Western Wireless in Kansas is
Subject to Regulation as Local Exchange Service,
WT Docket No. 00-239**

Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation

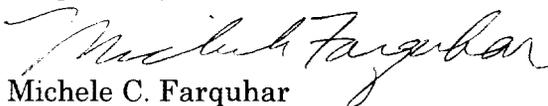
Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 6, 2001, Gene DeJordy, Mark Rubin, and Bill Hackett of Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless") and I met with James Schlichting, David Furth, Jeffrey Steinberg and Rose Crellin of the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

At the meeting, we demonstrated the capabilities of the Phonecell SX3I wireless access unit manufactured by Telular Corporation (and used by Western Wireless' customers who select Western Wireless' Basic Universal Service plan). We also responded to questions from the staff present concerning the operation of the unit, Western Wireless' marketing of the unit to customers, and issues related to the definition of mobile service.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, one original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office. In addition, I am sending one copy to the FCC staff listed below. Please contact me with any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel for Western Wireless Corporation

cc: James Schlichting
David Furth
Jeff Steinberg
Rose Crellin

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