

The Voice of Rural Telecommunications



July 6, 2001

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice
CC Docket No. 00-256, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Tuesday, July 3, 2001, Katie King, Paul Garnett, Eric Einhorn, and Gene Fullano of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau had a conference call with Victor Glass and John Ricker of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) and Dan Mitchell and Scott Reiter of the National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA). We discussed issues related to rules adopted *In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for the Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Dockets 96-45 and 00-256, FCC 01-157, (rel. May 23, 2001). NECA and NTCA sought clarification specifically concerning 47 C.F.R. § 36.605, Calculation of the Safety Net Additive.

In accordance with the FCC's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell

cc: Katie King