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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing Speech Disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116.

Dear Ms. Salas;

Yesterday, Colleen Boothby (Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee), Robert Quinn (AT&T), Brian Moir (e-commerce Telecommunications Users Group), Mary Brown (WorldCom), and I met with Kyle D. Dixon, Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael K. Powell. We discussed the Coalition proposal filed in the above referenced proceedings that seeks to replace the current USF assessment mechanism with a flat-rated, per line charge. The Coalition urged the adoption of its proposal and immediate Commission action. The comments and statements of the Coalition were consistent with its previous ex parte discussions and a copy of the attached chart was used as a basis for discussion.

Consistent with the Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceedings.

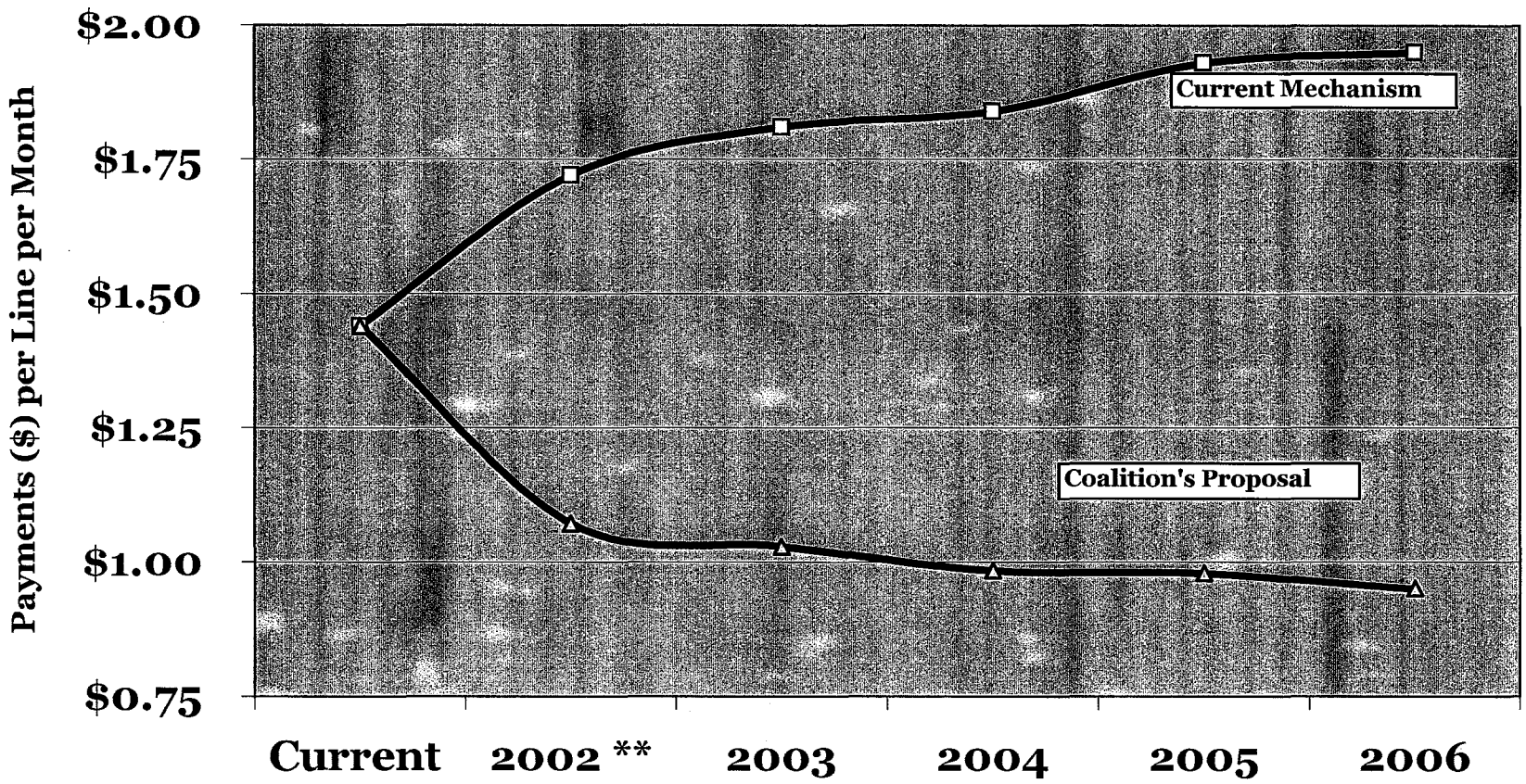
Sincerely,

Patrick H. Merrick

Attachment

cc: Kyle Dixon
Brian Moir
Mary Brown
Colleen Boothby
Robert Quinn

Residential USF Contribution Scenarios



Current Mechanism* ($1.44 is the average residential payment today)

Coalition's per line proposal

* The Current Mechanism is a combination of " LEC Collection per Line" and "LD Collection Based on % of Customers Interstate and International Revenue"

** Reflects increases associated with the MAG Order (e.g. Interstate Common Line Support, SLC Increases)