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EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Dockets No. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200,
95-116, 98-170, and NSD File No. L-00-72

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 8, 2002, A. Richard Metzger, on behalf of WorldCom, and I, on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Universal Service ("CoSUS"), met with Katherine Schroder, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Eric Einhorn, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, and Vickie Byrd and John Secrest, both of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

We discussed the USF comments filed in the above-referenced dockets in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. We further stated that no commenters had put any evidence in that the assessment base was not shrinking. We further explained that CoSUS' interim proposal to exclude DSL lines from connection-based assessments would be competitively neutral and preserve a full range of options for the Commission in the Broadband Internet Access Framework NPRM.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in each of the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/

John T. Nakahata
*Counsel to the Coalition for Sustainable
Universal Service*

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