



EX PARTE OR LATE FILED
South Dakota
Public Utilities Commission



State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

June 7, 2002

RECEIVED & INSPECTED
 JUN 11 2002
 FCC - MAILROOM

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
 Federal Communications Commission
 Office of the Secretary
 445 12th Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20554

Capitol Office
 Telephone (605)773-3201
 FAX (605)773-3809

Transportation/
 Warehouse Division
 Telephone (605)773-5280
 FAX (605)773-3225

Consumer Hotline
 1-800-332-1782

TTY Through
 Relay South Dakota
 1-800-877-1113

Internet Website
www.state.sd.us/puc

♦
 Jim Burg
 Chairman
 Pam Nelson
 Vice-Chairman
 Bob Sahr
 Commissioner

Debra Elofson
 Executive Director

Harlan Best
 Martin C. Bettmann
 Sue Cichos
 Karen E. Cremer
 Christopher W. Downs
 Terry Emerson
 Michele M. Farris
 Marlette Fischbach
 Heather K. Forney
 Kelly D. Frazier
 Mary Giddings
 Mary A. Healy
 Lisa Hull
 Dave Jacobson
 Patti Jennings
 Amy Kayser
 Bob Knadle
 Delaine Kolbo
 Gregory A. Rislov
 Keith Senger
 John Smith
 Rolayne Ailts Wiest

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Contact: Two Originals Filed in the Proceeding Captioned: "In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service" [CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 01-J-1] 66 FR 46461 (September 5, 2001) Review of Definitions; [CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, and 98-170; FCC 02-43] 67 FR 1268 (March 13, 2002) Contributions and Cost Recovery; & [CC Docket 96-45; FCC 02-41] 67 FR 10867 (March 11, 2002) 9th Circuit Remand "Reasonably Comparable" Proceeding.

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On June 6, 2002, South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner Pam Nelson called Commissioner Bob Rowe, a member of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, to discuss the pending Joint Board Recommendation on the definition of universal service. She recommended that equal access be included in the definition. This letter is being filed to comply with the FCC's ex parte rules. If you have any questions about this contact, please do not hesitate to contact me at 605-773-3201.

I respectfully request any waivers needed to file this notice out-of-time.

Sincerely,

Rolayne Ailts Wiest

Rolayne Ailts Wiest
 Commission Counsel
 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

cc: Commissioner Bob Rowe

No. of Copies rec'd. *071*
 List ABCDE