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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
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cc: Commissioner Bob Rowe

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