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**EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 July 9, 2002, Joel Lubin (of AT&T), Patrick Merrick (of AT&T), Chuck Goldfarb (of WorldCom), Richard Whitt (of WorldCom), Brian Moir (on behalf of eTUG), Jim Blaszak (on behalf of the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee), and I (on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Universal Service (“CoSUS”)) met with Eric Einhorn, Acting Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Diane Law Hsu, Acting Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, and Paul Garnett, Vickie Byrd, and John Secret, all of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

Our discussion is summarized in the attached documents. In addition, we made the point that a cap on residential assessment rates would undermine, rather than promote, predictability of USF assessments.

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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Attachments