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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, October 1, 2002, Margot Humphrey of the National Rural Telecom Association (NRTA), John Rose and Stuart Polikoff of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), and L. Marie Guillory of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) met with General Counsel Office staff. The following were in attendance from the General Counsel's Office: Sonja Rifkin, Debra A. Weiner, Linda Kinney and Sharon Diskin.

We discussed the legal arguments outlined in the September 19, 2002 *ex parte* letter filed on our behalf by Margot Humphrey. That letter explains why the Coalition for Sustainable Universal Service (CoSUS) proposal fails to comply with § 254(d) of the Communications Act.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. Marie Guillory
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