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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:

In response to a question from FCC staff, the carrier members of the Coalition for Sustainable Universal Service, AT&T, Level 3 and WorldCom, reaffirmed that they can implement the final CoSUS proposal within twelve months of the date of release of a Commission order ordering that such a proposal be implemented, provided that whatever transitional mechanism the Commission orders does not require the commitment of substantial programming resources in order to be implemented.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Nakahata", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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

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