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VIA Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Universal Service Contribution Methodology, 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. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is to provide notice of an *ex parte* meeting with Commission staff in the above-referenced docket. On October 30, 2002, Angela Campbell, James Bachtell and Matthew Grazier of Georgetown University Law Center's Institute for Public Representation on behalf of Consumers Union, Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel, Consumer Federation of America, Appalachian People's Action Coalition, Center for Digital Democracy, Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition and Migrant Legal Action Program ("CU *et al.*"), met with Jordan Goldstein of Commissioner Copps' Office.

During this meeting, CU *et al.* generally discussed the concerns raised in its comments regarding the impact a connections-based contribution mechanism would have on low-income and low-use customers. The attached handouts summarize the points raised during the meeting. In addition, CU *et al.* expressed concern that the data in the record is based upon average consumer use and does not examine the number of low-use customers affected by a connection-based proposal.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System procedures. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-662-9535 should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

James A. Bachtell

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