

December 19, 2002

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I, along with my colleagues, Gene Dejordy and Jim Blundell, made a presentation yesterday to Commissioner Thomas Dunleavy of the New York Public Service Commission. We addressed the issues raised in the Referral Order regarding competitive universal service in the docket referred to above, FCC 02-307 (released Nov. 8, 2002) and the questions to be raised by the Joint Board in a forthcoming notice in the same proceeding. We distributed the attached document.

If you have any questions, then please feel free to call me at 202-654-5903.

Respectfully submitted,

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