



**NOTICE OF *EX PARTE*
PRESENTATION**

January 28, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers;
Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced
Telecommunications Capability
CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please be advised that on January 27, 2003, Robert S. Tongren, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA"¹); Charles Acquard, NASUCA Executive Director; the Honorable Connie O. Hughes, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; James Bradford Ramsey, General Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and Mark Cooper, Director of Research, Consumer Federation of America met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and Emily Willeford, Special Assistant for Legislative and Public Affairs, and in a separate meeting, with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor. The purpose of the meetings was to present to and discuss with the Commissioners and staff the study recently performed for NASUCA

¹ NASUCA is an association of 42 consumer advocates in 40 states and the District of Columbia. NASUCA's members are designated by the laws of their respective states to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. See, e.g., Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 4911.

by Economics and Technology, Inc. entitled “The Unbundled Network Element Platform: Essential for Local Telephone Competition for Residential Consumers.” The study shows the competitive benefits that have accrued to residential telephone customers through the use of the Unbundled Network Element Platform (“UNE-P”), and the harm that would come to that competition if the UNE-P were eliminated or limited. Copies of this study have also been e-mailed to Michael K. Powell, Chairman, Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy and Jonathan Adelstein, and the FCC staff listed below. In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1), this notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation and a copy of the referenced *Ex Parte* Presentation are being filed with you electronically for inclusion in the public record. If you have any questions, please contact me at bergmann@occ.state.oh.us or (614) 466-9559.

Sincerely,

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