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

Re: *ExParte* Notice

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

In the Matter of Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules-Competitive Bidding Procedures, WT Docket No. 97-82

In the Matter of Facilitating the Delivery of Spectrum-Based Services to Rural Areas and Promoting Opportunities for Rural Telephone Companies to Provide Spectrum-Based Services, WT Docket No. 02-381 (NOI 12/20/02, FCC 02-325)

In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Sunday, February 2, 2003, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein met with members of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA's) and NTCA staff. The following were present: George Strandell of Golden West Telecommunication Cooperative, Wall, SD; Greg Berberich of Matanuska Telephone Association, Palmer, AK; Randy Houdek of Venture Communications Cooperative, Highmore, SD; Judy Bruns of Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Willcox, AZ; and Kevin Jacobsen of Egyptian Telephone Cooperative, Steeleville, IL.

NTCA staff in attendance were L. Marie Guillory, Shirley Bloomfield and Tom Wacker. The meeting was held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona at NTCA's annual meeting.

At the meeting, NTCA's comments in the above proceedings were discussed.

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In accordance with the FCC'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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cc: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

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