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**EX PARTE – VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45  
Notice of Written Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The attached statement is provided at the request of Commission staff, in advance of the Public Hearing to be held by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service on July 31, 2003. In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter with attachments is being filed in the above-captioned proceeding. Please address any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Tina M. Pidgeon  
Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

cc: Bill Scher  
Elizabeth Yockus