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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Western Wireless Corp., Mark Rubin and I made an *ex parte* presentation today to Chris Libertelli, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, regarding the Tenth Circuit remand proceeding in the universal service docket. We addressed issues consistent with Western Wireless' previous filings in this proceeding, and handed out copies of documents that have already been filed in the docket.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Chris Libertelli