



October 16, 2003

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

Re: ***Ex Parte Notice***

Federal-State Board on Universal Service Seeking Comment on the
Commission's Rules Relating to High-Cost Universal Service Support and the
ETC Designation Process, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, October 15, 2003, Commissioner Lila Jaber, David Dowds, and Greg Fogleman with the Florida Public Service Commission, Commissioner Thomas Dunleavy and Stacey Harwood with the New York Public Service Commission had a conference call with Professor Dale Lehman, Director of the MBA Program in Telecommunications Management at Alaska Pacific University and Marie Guillory and Daniel Mitchell with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA). During the conference call the group discussed NTCA's positions related to issues concerning the portability of universal service support and the public interest test for designating eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) in rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) service areas. Prior to the conference call NTCA emailed the five attached documents that were used as an outline for the presentation that took place during the conference call.

In accordance with the Commission'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/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
Sr. Regulatory Counsel

Attachments

cc: Commissioner Lila Jaber
Commissioner Thomas Dunleavy