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

Re: ***Ex Parte*** **Notice**
Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 22, 2003, the undersigned, representing the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) and Ed Gustafson of Bixby Telephone Company, located in Bixby, Oklahoma, met with Jessica Rosenworcel, Advisor to Commissioner Copps to discuss the above referenced matter.

Consistent with NTCA's prior filings in the *Wireline Broadband* proceedings, NTCA and Mr. Gustafson discussed the affect the proposed reclassification of broadband services would have on rural ILECs. They articulated the benefits of Title II regulation and the necessity of the NECA pooling structure. While regulatory flexibility may be appropriate for carriers facing competitive pressures, a wholesale reclassification of broadband would harm the rural consumer.

Consistent with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we are filing one electronic copy of this notice in the above-captioned proceeding and request that you place it in the appropriate record. Please direct any questions concerning the above matter to the undersigned at (703)351-2020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jill Canfield
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cc: Jessica Rosenworcel

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