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

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation
CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Education (“PRDOE”), and in accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), undersigned counsel hereby submits the instant notice of *ex parte* presentation.

Specifically, on November 6, 2003, undersigned counsel, along with Earl Gohl of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, participated in a telephone conversation with the following persons to discuss issues in support of the PRDOE’s pending Request for Relief (“Request”) in the above-referenced docket:

- Carol Mattey, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau.
- Eric Einhorn, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.
- Paul Garnett, Acting Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.
- Greg Lipscomb, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.
- Katherine Tofigh, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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In this conversation, the PRDOE requested that any Commission order resolving the issues set forth in the Request address certain issues, including the following:

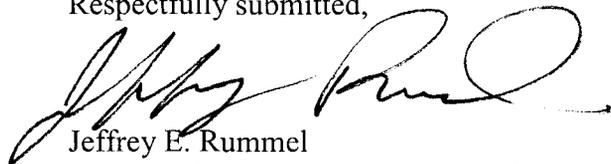
1. That the Commission promptly authorize USAC to commit and disburse discounted funds requested by PRDOE for funding years 4 and 5.
2. Out of the authorized and committed funds, that USAC be directed to pay the service providers for only the services that were actually rendered to the PRDOE during those years.
3. Because so much time has elapsed, for the authorized and committed funds not disbursed for services rendered as per item 2 above, that USAC be directed to promptly authorize the disbursement of such remaining funds to further PRDOE's technology program and to act promptly and favorably upon any appropriate associated requests for service substitution or service provider change.

The PRDOE also confirmed in these meetings that it will make available to USAC the validation data produced by the system the PRDOE developed in 2002 to verify connectivity of the schools, not only to corroborate services that have been rendered and may be paid, but prospectively as an additional tool to prevent waste, fraud, or abuse.

This letter is being electronically filed with the Commission. Courtesy copies are also being delivered by fax to the persons identified above.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions that may arise with respect to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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