

December 23, 2003

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

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks 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 Monday, December 22, 2003, I met with Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy.

We discussed NTCA's opposition to limiting universal service support to primary lines in the above-referenced proceedings. NTCA distributed a six-page handout outlining the joint position of ITTA, NTCA, OPASTCO, USTA and the Western Alliance on the issue. A copy of the handout is attached.

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 Daniel Mitchell at 703-351-2021.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
Senior Regulatory Counsel
Legal and Industry

Attachment

cc: Matthew Brill