

May 21, 2004

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 Wireline Local Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket
No. 95-116**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, May 21, 2004, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), Marie Guillory and I met with Scott Bergmann, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues. We discussed the difficulties rural incumbent local exchange carriers face with regard to complying with the Commission's local number portability rules. NTCA positions on how the FCC should address these difficulties were the same as its recommendations in previously filed pleadings in the above-referenced proceeding.

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 me at 703-351-2016.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Scott Bergmann