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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 11, 2004, Lisa Youngers and I, on behalf of GCI, spoke with Commissioner Bob Nelson, of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, to discuss issues raised in the referenced proceeding concerning ETC designations, scope of support, and basis of support. The substance of GCI's presentation was consistent with its written submissions filed in the proceeding.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tina M. Pidgeon
Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs