

15 March 2005

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36. Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review - Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

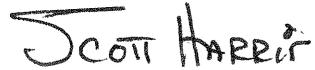
On 14 March 2005, Pierre DeVries and Paula Boyd of Microsoft Corporation met with Robert Pepper Chief of the Office Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis. Among the matters they discussed were universal service fund issues.

Specifically, Mr. DeVries indicated that universal service mechanisms need to be reformed. In doing so, he noted that a connections based approach would be an appropriate long-term solution and a numbers based approach would be an appropriate interim step and an improvement on the existing revenues based approach.

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In accordance with FCC rules, we ask that a copy of this letter be filed in the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SCOTT HARRIS". The letters are in all caps and have a slightly cursive, hand-drawn appearance.

Scott Blake Harris
Counsel to Microsoft Corporation

cc: Robert Pepper