



July 11, 2005

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF
EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92;
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; *Appropriate
Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities*, WC 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

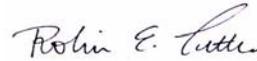
On July 8, 2005, James Olson and I on behalf of the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom), Trent Boaldin on behalf of Epic Touch Co., Jack Day on behalf of SureWest Communications, Mark Feest on behalf of CC Communications, Jeff Glover on behalf of CenturyTel, Inc., Trey Judy on behalf of CT Communications, Inc., and Mike Skrivan on behalf of Madison River Communications, all USTelecom members, met with Thomas Navin, Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Lisa Gelb, Deputy Bureau Chief, Jane Jackson, Associate Bureau Chief, Jeremy Marcus, Legal Counsel to the Bureau Chief, Ian Dillner, Legal Counsel to the Bureau Chief, and Tamara Preiss, Division Chief of the Pricing Policy Division regarding the above-referenced proceedings.

The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the Wireline Competition Bureau Chief and his staff with the history, structure, and services of USTelecom's small and mid-sized telephone company members. These USTelecom company members also discussed issues that are critical to their ongoing viability, namely the need for parity in the regulatory treatment of broadband networks, the limitations on access to capital resulting from regulatory uncertainty regarding universal service and intercarrier compensation, problems with identifying phantom traffic and collecting for charges owed, difficulties in obtaining study area waivers, and barriers to video entry in their markets. The discussion also highlighted the value of communications networks provided by incumbent local exchange carriers and the growing competition in their markets.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Lisa Gelb
Jane Jackson
Jeremy Marcus
Ian Dillner
Tamara Preiss