

EX PARTE

September 21, 2005

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

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 20, 2005, on behalf of j2 Global Communications, Inc. (“j2 Global”), I met with Cathy Carpino, James Eisner, Greg Guice, James Lande, Richard Lerner, Carol Pomponio and Rodger Woock of the Wireline Competition Bureau,. We discussed the Commission’s proposals to modify the current universal service contribution methodology. Specifically, we discussed concerns regarding the proposal to require contributions to be based on telephone numbers assigned to end-users. I explained that this would have an adverse affect on consumers, and in particular, would dramatically affect j2 Global’s operations. In addition, I explained that such an approach would not provide a stable, forward-looking basis for support.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David M. Don

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cc: Cathy Carpino
James Eisner
Greg Guice
James Lande
Richard Lerner
Carol Pomponio
Rodger Woock