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Via Electronic Delivery

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, September 23, 2005, Ms. Caressa D. Bennet, Ms. Jessica H. Bridges, Mr. Gregory W. Whiteaker, Mr. Michael R. Bennet, Mr. Kenneth C. Johnson, Mr. Joshua P. Zeldis, and Mr. James C. Egyud of Bennet & Bennet, PLLC, representing the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. ("RTG"), Mr. David S. Fauske, Mr. Don May, Mr. John Monfils, and Mr. Ralph Achenbach of Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Mr. Jerry Wilke and Mr. Mike Mitchell of Siouxland PCS, Mr. Bill Wade and Ms. Becky Schmidt of Mid-Rivers Cellular, Mr. Kelly Bond of Public Service Cellular, Mr. Ron Strecker of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Mr. Chris Ruhl and Jerry Kadavy of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Mr. Robert Mauer of Cellular 29, and Mr. Glenn Ishihara of NTCH, Inc. d/b/a ClearTalk, also on behalf of RTG, met with Brian Marenco, Jane Jackson, Margaret Wiener, Gary Michaels, Paul Murray, Jeff Cohen, and Mr. David Furth of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. RTG discussed its positions on the following issues:

- 1) CMRS Competition and Spectrum Auctions (WT Docket No. 00-230)
700 MHz (GN Docket No. 01-74 WT Docket No. 99-168)
Automatic Roaming (WT Docket No. 05-265)**

RTG reiterated its position that spectrum ought to be auctioned in small geographic areas with urban and rural distinctions in order to make rural spectrum available to small, rural carriers that generally serve these areas. RTG mentioned that smaller geographic areas make spectrum available for crucial rural broadband applications. RTG mentioned the successes, so far, that its members have had in implementing broadband services using 700 MHz spectrum. RTG mentioned that it would be submitting a band plan for the remaining un-auctioned 700 MHz spectrum in the next week or so. RTG also noted that the lack of designated entity winners in certain auctions had led to a decrease in willing roaming partners.

