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Federal Communication Commission
Attn: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

CC: 96-15

RE: TAX Increase!

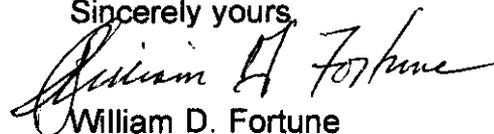
Dear Chairman Martin:

I am concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees. I oppose your proposed plan to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

As I understand the proposal it is a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair.

I urge you Chairman Martin, to rethink your flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Sincerely yours,


William D. Fortune

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Universal Service Administrative Company
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Washington, DC 20036

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support- ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Melrose Telephone Company will use it Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of Melrose Telephone Company. This certification is for the study area listed below.

Company Name	State	Study Area No.
Melrose Telephone Company	Minnesota	361430

Signed,

Dean Mohs
Chief Operating Officer

Date: May 04, 2006

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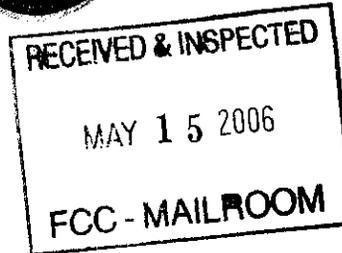
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: State Commission Certification for Universal Service Funds
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with the *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 adopted on May 10, 2001 and released on May 23, 2001, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission certifies as follows:

- 1) That Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. is an eligible telecommunications carrier in New Mexico for rural service areas; and
- 2) That federal Universal Service Funds, to the best of our knowledge, pursuant to this Commission's order (see below), and as self-certified by the carrier, will be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended" as outlined in 47 USC 254(e).

Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. received its ETC designation from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission by Final Order on March 21, 2006 in Case No. 05-00272 UT.

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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If additional information is required, please contact Ms. Susan Oberlander, Ph.D., 505 827-6950, at the offices of this Commission's Telecommunications Bureau, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone (505) 827-6950.

Sincerely,



Ben R. Lujan
Chairman

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery
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