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Senator Richard Burr
U.S. Senate
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Burr:

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Theresa Yauch
6707 Hilldale Drive , Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236-3536

May 16, 2006 05:10 PM

FCC, Chairman Kevin J. Martin
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC, 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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cc: Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Rick Santorum

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ICLS

Date May 17, 2006

To: Marlene H. Dortch
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS
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This is to certify that Chester Telephone Company will use its **INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below. **(Please enter your Company Name, State and Study Area Code)**

ICLS

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Chester Telephone Company	SC	240516
Lockhart Telephone Company	SC	240532
Ridgeway Telephone Company	SC	240541

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.) ☐

Signed,

Thomas T. Harper
[Signature of Authorized Representative]

Date: May 17, 2006

Thomas T. Harper
[Printed Name of Authorized Representative]

Director-Administration&Regulatory Affairs
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Carrier's Name: **Chester Telephone Company**
Carrier's Address: **112 York Street, Chester SC 29706**
Carrier's Telephone Number: 803-581-9164

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Red River Telephone

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Abercrombie, ND 58001

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

This is to certify that Red River Rural Telephone Association will use its **Interstate Common Line Support** 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 the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas which are listed below.

Company Name	State	Study Area Number
Red River Rural Telephone Association	Minnesota	381631
Red River Rural Telephone Association	North Dakota	381631
Red River Rural Telephone Association	South Dakota	381631

Signed,

Date: 5/18/06

Jeffrey J. Olson
General Manager
Red River Rural Telephone Association

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Senator Elizabeth Dole
U.S. Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Dole:

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Lexa Adams
Rt.2, Box 34 , Jacksonville, Texas 75766

May 17, 2006 10:29 AM

FCC, CHAIRMAN
KEVIN J. MARTIN
445 12TH ST. SW
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Cornyn:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

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April South
1 Bittersweet Rd, #22 , Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

May 17, 2006 10:19 AM

Senator John Sununu
U.S. Senate
111 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Sununu:

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