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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

On Friday, May 26, 2006, undersigned counsel met with Shana Barehand, Jeremy Marcus, Carol Pomponio and Pam Slipakoff to discuss the status of Smith Bagley, Inc.'s ("SBI") petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in the portion of the Navajo Reservation located in Utah. SBI urged prompt action on its petition. The state of telecommunications on reservation lands in Utah remains largely as it was before SBI became an ETC in Arizona and New Mexico, while the rest of the reservation has seen dramatic growth in telephone penetration rates over the past several years as a result of SBI's ETC designation.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,



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