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

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
CC Docket Nos. 99-200 and 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, July 10, 2006, Kurt Adams, Chairman of the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), Trina Bragdon and Joel Shifman of the MPUC Staff, and Peter Bluhm, Director of Regulatory Policy for the Vermont Public Service Board, met with Scott Deutchman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. During our meeting we discussed our concern that any access charge reform plan approved by the FCC should include a first adopter provision that fairly compensates consumers in states like Maine which have already lowered access rates. We also discussed the implications of continuing the current dichotomy in FCC universal service policy regarding the treatment of rural exchanges served by rural companies and rural exchanges served by non-rural companies. In addition, we discussed universal service revenue funding as well as universal service incentives for broadband deployment, especially to rural areas. Finally, we discussed Maine's interest in obtaining authority to mandate thousand block pooling in areas within Maine not served by Verizon in order to avoid premature area code exhaust.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Trina M. Bragdon
Director of Telecommunications Policy
Maine Public Utilities Commission

cc: Scott M. Deutchman