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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 Monday, July 24, 2006, undersigned counsel, on behalf of Smith Bagley, Inc. ("SBI"), met with Michele Carey in Chairman Martin's office to discuss SBI's petition for ETC status on Navajo Reservation lands in Utah. A summary of counsel's remarks follows:

Residents within this reservation area, who live with communications systems below the level available in many third-world nations, cannot enjoy the rapid modernization happening on Navajo lands within Arizona and New Mexico as a result of federal universal service benefits available in those states. Since 2002, SBI has submitted multiple supplements to its petition to address factual questions and to provide jurisdictional analysis as requested by the Commission. Specifically, counsel urged a prompt grant of the petition.

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

Sincerely,

August 2, 2004
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. LaFuria".

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cc: M. Carey, Esq.