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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: WC Dkt 02-6, Schools and Libraries Universal Support Mechanism – Proposed Revisions to FCC Forms 472, 473, and 474; WC Dkt. 05-195, Comprehensive Review of USF Management, Administration and Oversight.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On August 24, 2006, the undersigned of BellSouth, Ellen Blackler and Eric Einhorn of AT&T, Kitty O'Hara and Shelley Robinette of Verizon, and Norina Moy of Sprint Nextel, met with Gina Spade, Anita Cheng and Regina Brown of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The discussion focused on the draft certification language on the Forms 472 and 473. The companies offered a number of editorial suggestions to improve the effectiveness of the certifications and to provide consistency with Commission rules. The substance of the suggestions was consistent with the comments filed in this proceeding by the participating companies. The companies also emphasized that certifications that address broad company-wide or program-wide compliance should appear solely on the Form 473, the Service Provider Annual Certification and not on the Form 472. In order to ensure that applicants receive their benefits in a timely manner, certifications on the Form 472 must be narrowly tailored to the purpose of the form and the reasonable knowledge base of the departments that process thousands of Form 472s each year. In addition, the companies urged the Commission not to make the proposed column designation changes to the Form 474 as it would require companies to make significant billing system changes without obvious benefit to the program.

Regarding overall management of invoicing processes, the companies expressed support for proposals that would direct e-rate benefits directly to applicants.

This notice is being filed pursuant to Sec. 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules. If you have any questions regarding this filing please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L. Henze". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary L. Henze

cc: G. Spade
A. Cheng
R. Brown