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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: In the Matter of Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service
Use of Auctions to Determine High-Cost Universal Service Support
WC Docket No. 05-337

In the Matter of Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45

Notice of Ex Parte Discussion

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 29, 2006 Jeffrey E. Dupree, Director Access Tariffs and Federal Support Programs; John A. Ricker, Director Universal Service Program Support; and Joe A. Douglas, Vice President Government Relations, all of NECA, met with the following members and staff of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service: Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner, FCC and Chair of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service; Ian Dillner, Legal Adviser to Commissioner Tate, FCC; Ray Baum, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utility Commission; Lisa Polak Edgar, Chair, Florida Public Service Commission; Larry S. Landis, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Billy Jack Gregg, Director, Consumer Advocate Division, West Virginia; Peter Bluhm, Director of Regulatory Policy, Vermont Public Service Board; Michael J. Copps, Commissioner, FCC; Scott Deutchman, Legal Adviser to Commissioner Copps, FCC; Andrew Margeson, Economist, Oregon Public Utility Commission; Roberta Bass, Economic Analyst, Florida Public Service Commission; Jennifer A. Richardson, Assistant Director Telecommunications, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Brad Ramsay, General Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Jonathan Adelstein, Commissioner, FCC; Scott Bergmann, Legal Adviser to Commissioner Adelstein; and Katie King, Special Counsel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC.

NECA representatives provided Joint Board members and staff with an overview of NECA's historical and continuing roles and responsibilities under FCC rules with respect to Universal Service programs. NECA representatives also responded to questions regarding potential analyses of publicly-available data, and offered to provide the results of such analyses to the Joint Board upon request.

The attached material was used and provided to participants in the meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph A. Douglas