

February 6, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *ExParte* Notice

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

***In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, Missoula Intercarrier Compensation Reform Plan, CC Docket No. 01-92***

***In the Matter of the American Cable Association Petition for Rulemaking to Amend 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.64, 76.93, and 76.103, Retransmission Consent, Non-Duplication, and Syndicated Exclusivity, RM-11203***

***In the Matter of Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, Notice of Inquiry, MB Docket No. 06-189***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, February 5, 2007, Commissioner Robert McDowell and his Chief of Staff & Senior Legal Advisor John Hunter met with Dan Mitchell, Vice President of Legal and Industry Division and Tom Wacker, Director of Government Affairs of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), along with NTCA members: David Fox of Westphalia Telephone Company, Westphalia, MI; Darren Moser of 3 Rivers Telecommunications Cooperative Inc., Fairfield, MT; Ron Strecker of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Guymon, OK; Kent Galitz of Canby Telephone Association, Canby, Or.; and Don Miller of Northwest Telephone Cooperative, Havelock, IA. The group met in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Hotels during the NTCA 2007 Annual Meeting.

At the meeting issues related to the above-referenced dockets were discussed. Specifically, the group talked about NTCA positions concerning universal service, Missoula Plan, retransmission consent rulemaking and video competition. The discussions were consistent with NTCA's positions in previously filed comments and pleadings in the above-referenced dockets.



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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell  
Daniel Mitchell  
Vice President, Legal and Industry

cc: Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Chief of Staff & Legal Advisor John Hunter