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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: NOTICE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION

***In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism – ALA’s
Proposal to modify the invoicing process
WC Docket 02-6***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Mary Henze, AT&T Services, Inc., Norina Moy, Sprint Nextel, Jeff Lanning, Embarq, Shelley Robinette and Kitty O’Hara, Verizon, Shelly Eggert, Doug Maxey and Gilbert Archuleta, Qwest met with Gina Spade, Regina Brown and Alex Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the ALA proposal to modify the e-rate invoicing process. The large service providers expressed concern that the proposal would shift too much of the invoicing burden onto applicants. Based on their experience with customers, the large service providers do not believe that most applicants have the staff necessary to prepare and submit invoices and respond to SLD invoice reviews in a timely fashion. Rather than streamlining the e-rate, the large service providers believe the ALA proposal would cause further delay and thus urged the FCC not to adopt it.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically via the Commission’s ECFS system. Should you have any questions regarding this letter please feel free to contact me via the means most convenient for you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary L. Henze