

May 25, 2007

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication; WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, May 24, 2007, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, and Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), met with Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein to discuss wireless carriers’ use of high-cost universal service support to extend high-quality mobile wireless and broadband services to consumers located in high-cost, rural areas. CTIA discussed the attached chart showing how growth of wireless carrier high-cost universal service support has tracked or been outpaced by other measures of the wireless industry’s incredible success.¹ CTIA also discussed how the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service’s proposal to arbitrarily reduce and cap high-cost support for wireless ETCs would severely undermine policy-makers’ shared goal of ubiquitous mobile wireless and broadband services. CTIA explained that the proposed cap would cause wireless carriers to curtail build-out to rural areas. Finally, CTIA discussed how the proposed cap is undermining efforts to achieve lasting market-oriented reforms to the high-cost universal service mechanisms.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter and the attached chart are being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Garnett

Paul Garnett

Enclosure

cc: Scott Bergmann

¹ By contrast, the second chart shows that incumbent LEC high-cost universal service support has remained almost constant even though other metrics show declines.