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

***Ex Parte* Notice**

***In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,* WC Docket No. 05-337 and CC Docket No. 96-45; and**

***In the Matter of Core Communications Petition for Forbearance, W*C Docket No. 06-100**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, June 26, 2007, Andrew Randol, General Manager for Panora Communications Company, Butch Rorabaugh, General Manger for East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative, Sharon Huck, Manager for Readlyn Telephone Company, Sheila Navis, Executive Director of the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association (RITTA), Judy Krewson, Legislative Liaison for RIITA, and I met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's Legal Advisor, Scott Bergmann. At the meeting, RIITA discussed and handed out a recent Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) study on the deployment of broadband in Iowa, a Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) paper entitled *Wireless Needs Wires, The Vital Role of Rural Networks in Completing the Call*, and a paper describing Iowa Network Services (INS). These documents are enclosed.

In addition, RIITA and NTCA discussed there positions in the above referenced dockets. These discussions were consistent with RIITA's and NTCA's positions in previously filed comments and pleadings in the above-referenced dockets. Specifically RIITA and NTCA urged support for the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service recommendation to implement an emergency interim cap on competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (CETC) high-cost universal service fund (USF) support. NTCA also urged the denial of the Core Communications petition for forbearance from rate regulation and integration rules under section 254(g) and 251(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Two handouts were used during this part of the discussion. One handout outlined NTCA's reasons for supporting the emergency cap on CETC USF support. The other handout described NTCA's opposition to the Core Communications forbearance petition. These handouts are enclosed.

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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,

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Enclosures

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