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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
WC Docket No. 05-337

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentations in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Wednesday, July 25, 2007, undersigned counsel, on behalf of U.S. Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), met with Scott Bergmann in Commissioner Adelstein's office concerning the Joint Board's consideration of comprehensive universal service reform. U.S. Cellular reiterated positions it has taken in the record that reform of the program should continue the FCC's policies set forth between 1996 and 2001, the last year in which the Commission acted to reform the program's distribution mechanism.

We also briefly discussed the identical support rule, noting that the wireless industry is not wedded to receiving support based on the costs of a wireline carrier, but that whatever methodology is used to determine support, the same amount of per-line support should be available to all market participants so as to avoid skewing the competitive marketplace. We provided citations to the FCC's prior orders on this subject, copies of which are enclosed.

Finally, we discussed the Criterion study submitted in this proceeding and provided maps of U.S. Cellular's territory in Maine and Oregon, demonstrating that the company provides substantially more service in rural areas than appear to be depicted in the Criterion study.

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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. LaFuria".

David A. LaFuria

cc: Scott Bergmann, Esq.

Enclosures