



September 24, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20054

**Re: NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* PRESENTATION
Federal-State Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45
WC Docket No. 05-337**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This morning, Derrick Owens and Gerard Duffy, on behalf of the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA), Stuart Polikoff, on behalf of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), and Joshua Seidemann, on behalf of the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), met with Scott Deutchman of Commissioner Michael Copps's office the above-captioned proceeding.

The associations reiterated their support for the Joint Board's recommendation to impose a temporary cap on support for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (CETCs), which have been demonstrated to be the cause of recent rapid growth in the Universal Service Fund. The associations support the cap as a reasonable interim measure while long-term solutions are developed.

The undersigned may be contacted should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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