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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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RE: WC Docket No. 05-337 and CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 4, 2007, Derrick Owens and Gerard Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA"), John Rose and Stuart Polikoff representing the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies ("OPASTCO"), Robert DeBroux representing TDS Telecom ("TDS"), and Hank Hultquist, Mary Henze and Cathy Carpino representing AT&T Inc. ("AT&T") met with Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor, Wireline Issues to Chairman Kevin J. Martin, to discuss long-term Universal Service Fund ("USF") reform.

The discussion concerned the efforts of a cross-section of wireline and wireless entities to develop a comprehensive proposal for reform of USF contribution and distribution mechanisms. The conversation focused upon options for future USF support mechanisms for voice, broadband and mobility services that would satisfy the Joint Board's recently listed principles regarding cost control, accountability, state participation, infrastructure build-out in unserved areas, and elimination of the identical support rule.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Ian Dillner