



INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

November 15, 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:

Today, Curt Stamp, Executive Director of the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), and the undersigned met with Ian Dillner of Chairman Kevin Martin's office. We discussed proposals for short-term and long-term modifications to the Universal Service Fund, consistent with comments filed previously by ITTA in the above-referenced dockets, and emphasized the importance of an interim cap on support for CETCs while long-term solutions are developed. We also discussed the adverse effects uncertainty can visit upon investment and financing markets.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/*Joshua Seidemann
Joshua Seidemann
Director, Regulatory Policy

cc: Chairman Kevin Martin
Ian Dillner