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December 13, 2007

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

RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 11, 2007, Leonard Steinberg, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Alaska Communications Systems, met with Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues to Chairman Kevin Martin; Chris Moore, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate; and Scott Bergman, Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. On December 12, 2007, Mr. Steinberg also met with John Hunter, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor, Wireline Issues to Commissioner Robert McDowell.

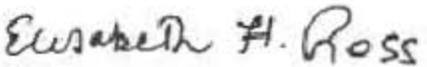
During these meetings, Mr. Steinberg discussed a letter¹ filed by ACS Wireless, Inc. in these dockets that addressed GCI's proposal to exclude certain service provided on tribal lands and Alaska Native Regions from the proposed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier Universal Service Fund cap. Mr. Steinberg reiterated ACSW's rural Alaska broadband deployment proposal that would meet the special needs of Alaska, but in a manner that would allow multiple providers into the process and bring the additional benefits of competition into the mix. Mr. Steinberg distinguished ACSW's proposal from GCI's proposal, which he noted was designed to meet the public need in a way that differentially benefits that particular company.

¹ Letter from Leonard Steinberg, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, ACS Communications Systems, Inc. and Elisabeth Ross, Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed November 14, 2007).

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisabeth H. Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop for the letter 'R'.

Elisabeth H. Ross
Counsel for ACS Wireless, Inc.

cc: Ian Dillner
Chris Moore
John Hunter
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