

**COMSTOCK CONSULTING LLC**

January 31, 2008

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Alltel I spoke by phone with John Hunter, Commissioner McDowell's chief of staff, to discuss the proceedings listed above. I reiterated the arguments Alltel has previously presented on the record of these proceedings and also discussed the points raised in Alltel's January 30<sup>th</sup> ex parte letter filed in the record of the above proceedings.

Respectfully,

/s/ Earl Comstock

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cc: John Hunter