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March 14, 2008

**Ex Parte**

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

Re: *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 13, 2008, Dana Tindall, Senior Vice President of Legal, Regulatory, and Governmental Affairs with General Communication Inc. ("GCI"), Greg Chapados, GCI Senior Vice President of Federal Affairs and Business Development, Tina Pidgeon, GCI Vice President of Federal Regulatory Affairs, and I met with Dana Shaffer, Bureau Chief with the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), Amy Bender, Jennifer Mckee, Ted Burmeister, Katie King, Nicholas Alexander, Gary Siegel, Jeremy Marcus, and Donald Stockdale with the WCB.

We discussed the Joint Board's proposal for an interim cap on CETC high cost support, and GCI's proposal for a tribal lands exclusion. The points of our presentation have previously been summarized in GCI's comments and written ex parte presentations.

We also discussed GCI's planned rural deployment to 90,000 Alaskan who today lack mobile wireless service. In particular, the technologies that GCI is using for this deployment such as software defined radio and distributed softswitching are new and only now make possible this type of deployment, provided that GCI can receive universal service support in these areas. Among the benefits of this deployment will be significant improvements in local connectivity, including with public safety, when satellite communications are interrupted.

We distributed the attached charts.

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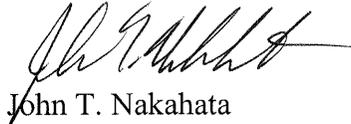
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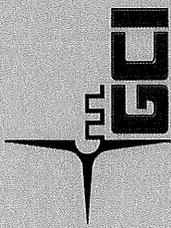
Sincerely,

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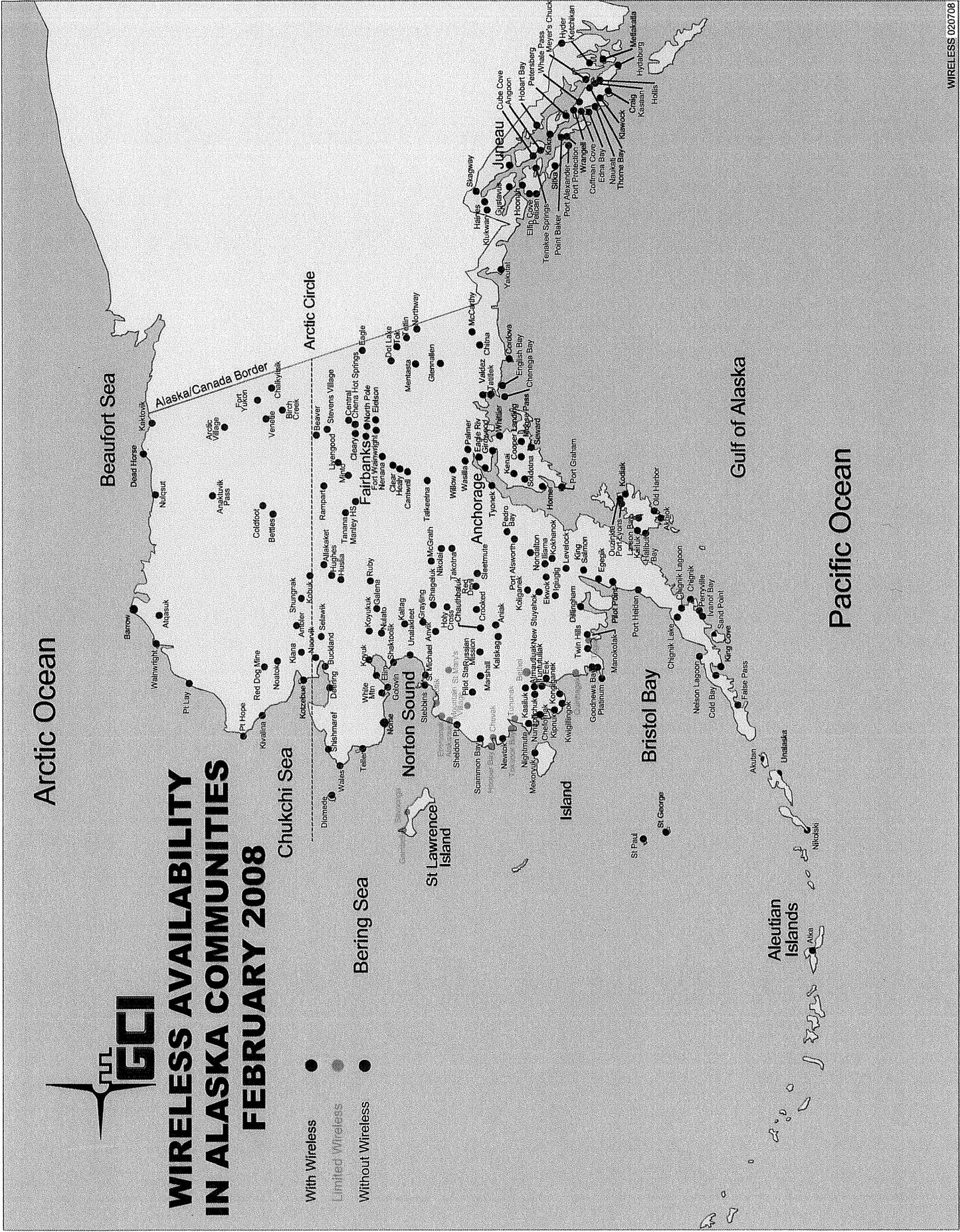
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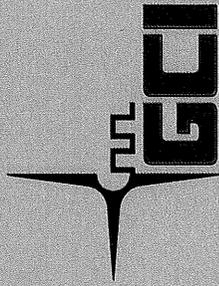
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Dana Shaffer



# WIRELESS AVAILABILITY IN ALASKA COMMUNITIES FEBRUARY 2008

- With Wireless
- Limited Wireless
- Without Wireless





# Communities with Broadband Service Today (DSL speeds or above)\*

\*Source: AK State Commission Broadband Survey at  
[http://www.state.ak.us/rcsl/Broadband/Internet\\_connectivity-070112.pdf](http://www.state.ak.us/rcsl/Broadband/Internet_connectivity-070112.pdf)

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