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Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
Docket 05-337

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

In a telephone conversation on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, Grant Spellmeyer, Director – Regulatory Affairs for United States Cellular Corporation (“U.S. Cellular”) spoke with Angela Giancarlo, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor on wireless and international issues to Commissioner Robert McDowell, regarding the prospect of an interim cap on federal high-cost support to competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (“CETCs”).

Mr. Spellmeyer stressed U.S. Cellular's opposition to a CETC cap for reasons it has previously stated in the record, including its comments submitted on June 6, 2007. In addition, in response to recent reports that the Commission may be considering a nationwide cap on CETC support as an alternative to one that operates on a state-by-state basis, Mr. Spellmeyer conveyed U.S. Cellular's preference for a nationwide cap set at the total support received as of March 31, 2008. Mr. Spellmeyer explained that a nationwide cap would have a less severe impact on states that had few or no CETCs until recently.

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If you have questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. LaFuria".

David A. LaFuria

cc: Angela E. Giancarlo, Esq.  
Grant Spellmeyer, Esq.