



INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

May 1, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20054

Re: NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* PRESENTATION

***Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the
Telecommunications Act of 1996
CC Docket No. 96-98***

***Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic
CC Docket No. 99-68***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Curt Stamp of ITTA, John E. Benedict of Embarq, Lynn Starr of Qwest, and the undersigned met with Chris Moore of Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate's office to discuss the above-captioned dockets; Calvin Simshaw of CenturyTel joined the meeting via telephone. The parties relied upon the attached presentation to describe the adverse effects that imposition of reciprocal compensation upon ISP-bound traffic would engender for carriers serving rural markets. In addition to the impact on carriers, the diversion of resources toward increased intercarrier compensation would reduce amounts that could be dedicated toward greater broadband deployment.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Joshua Seidemann
Joshua Seidemann
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Chris Moore