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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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**RE: WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 01-92**

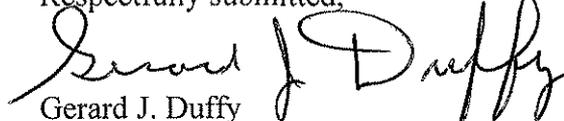
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 21, 2008, Derrick Owens, Al Pedersen, Rob Stephens, Mark Gailey, Paul Cooper, Laurence Walchuck, Rob Binder, John Dillard and Gerry Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") met with John W. Hunter, Special Counsel, Wireline, to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, to discuss various matters relating to High-Cost Fund and Intercarrier Compensation reform.

The topics included: (a) WTA's support for continuation of the High-Cost support programs that have been very successful in enabling rural telephone companies to bring quality voice and broadband services to their rural customers; (b) WTA's support for separate non-rural carrier, broadband and mobility High-Cost support programs that can more effectively and efficiently assist very different segments of the telecommunications industry; (c) WTA's opposition to reverse auctions due particularly to their adverse impacts upon investment loan funding and terms; and (d) WTA's continued support for various elements of the Missoula Plan, particularly its provisions for addressing phantom traffic issues.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceedings. The PowerPoint slides handed out at the meeting are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: John W. Hunter