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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Petition for Waiver by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.*,
WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on July 1, 2008, Henry Rivera and the undersigned with Wiley Rein LLP met, on behalf of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("Iowa Telecom"), with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Scott Bergman to discuss the information contained in Iowa Telecom's waiver petition in the above-referenced docket. Iowa Telecom reiterated its request that the Commission grant the petition to provide meaningful high-cost loop support to the Company in order to serve its rural customers.

The parties also discussed the need for the Commission to act promptly on Iowa Telecom's waiver petition in light of the devastating flooding in Iowa. The flooding has severely impacted Iowa Telecom's network, resulting in flooded central offices, washed out outside plant facilities, and water damaged electronics and related components. Iowa Telecom has not been able to quantify the total cost of the damage, primarily because some areas remain under water. Iowa Telecom presented the attached photographs of the flooding and the effect on Iowa Telecom's network. Iowa Telecom also emphasized the heightened importance of universal service support in light of the flooding and presented material concerning high cost support to other carriers relative to Iowa Telecom as reflected in the attached chart.



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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please include this ex parte filing in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bennett L. Ross", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bennett L. Ross

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cc: The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
Scott Bergman
Amy Bender
Scott Deutchman
John Hunter
Gregory Orlando
Dana Shaffer
Julie Veach

Rural Price Cap Study Area USF Receipts

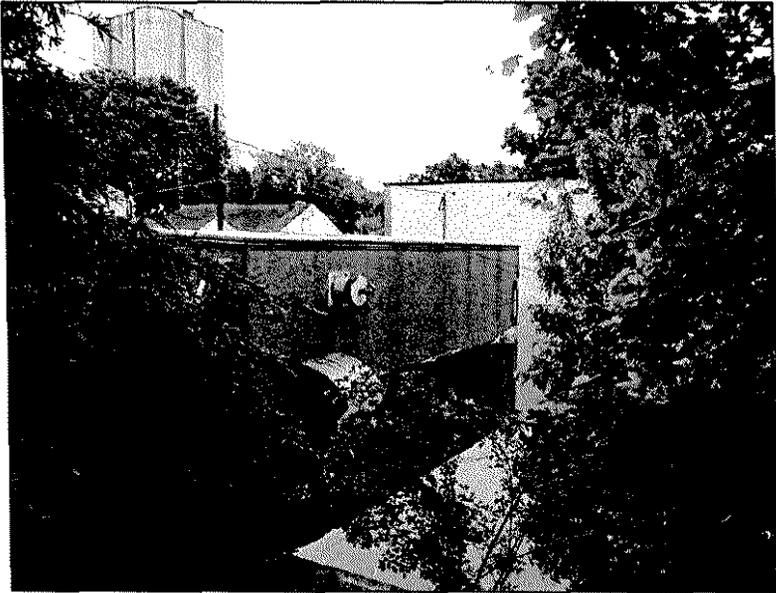
Parent Company	Annual High-Cost Support ¹
Windstream	\$25,836,804
Citizens	\$23,511,912
Embarq	\$18,636,312
Consolidated ²	\$12,149,928
Verizon	\$917,520
CenturyTel	\$554,736
Qwest	\$380,496
Iowa Telecom	\$0

¹ Based on total annualized High-Cost Loop, Safety Valve, and Safety Net support in 2q2008 USAC Report.

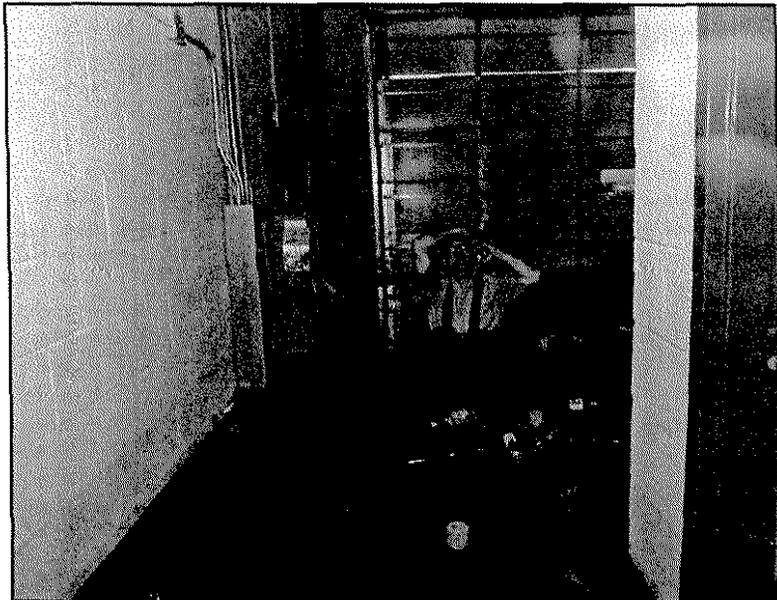
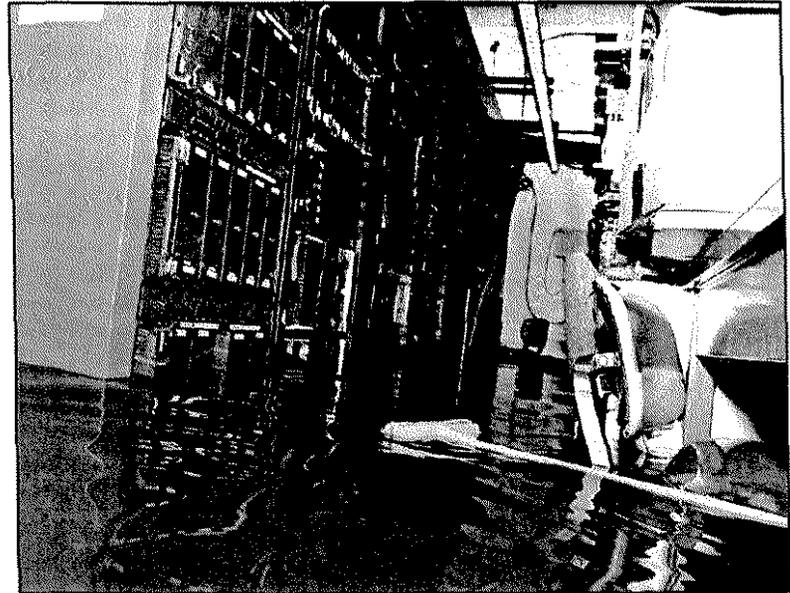
² Assumes approval of pending request for conversion to price cap regulation.

Note: Table includes all rural price cap study areas except for Micronesian Telecomm.

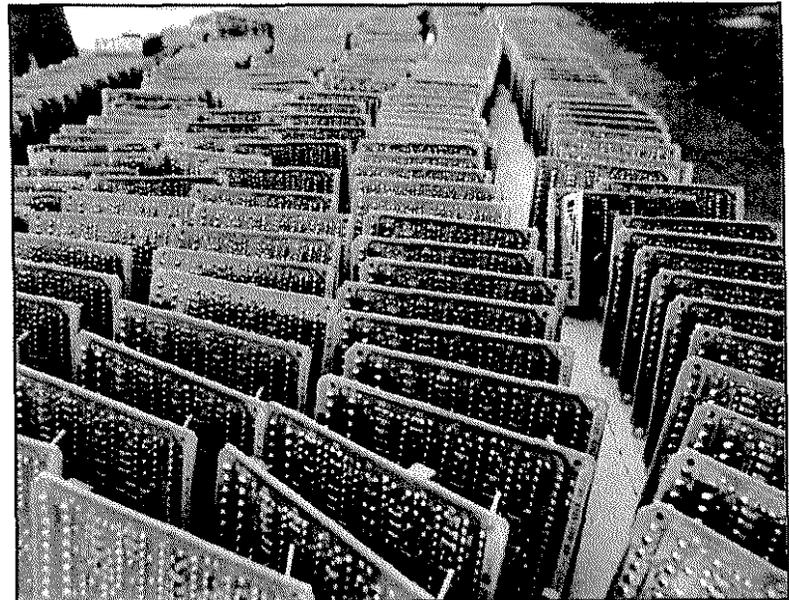
Greene – Back of Central Office



Greene Central Office

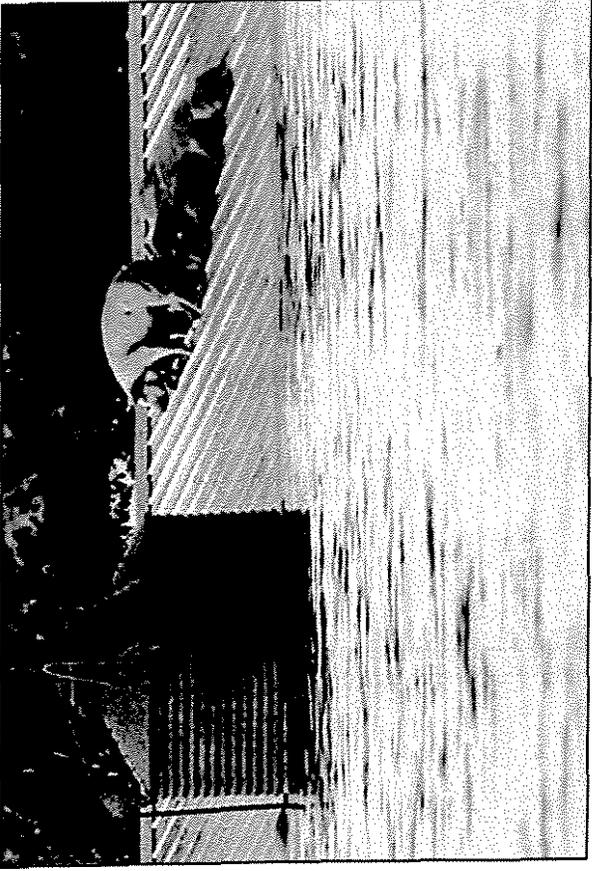


Greene Central Office Main Power Feed



Greene Central Office Line Cards Drying in Sun

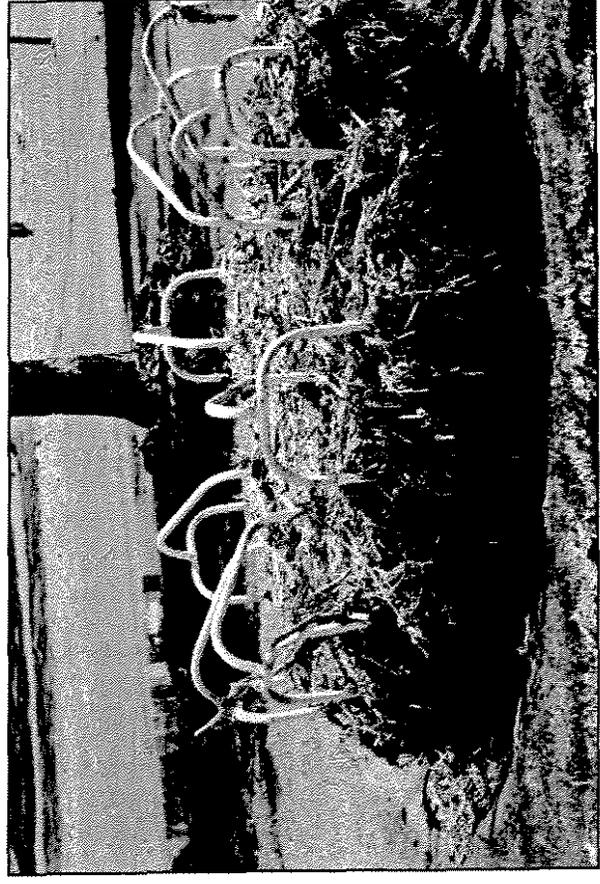
Oakville



Oakville and Environs

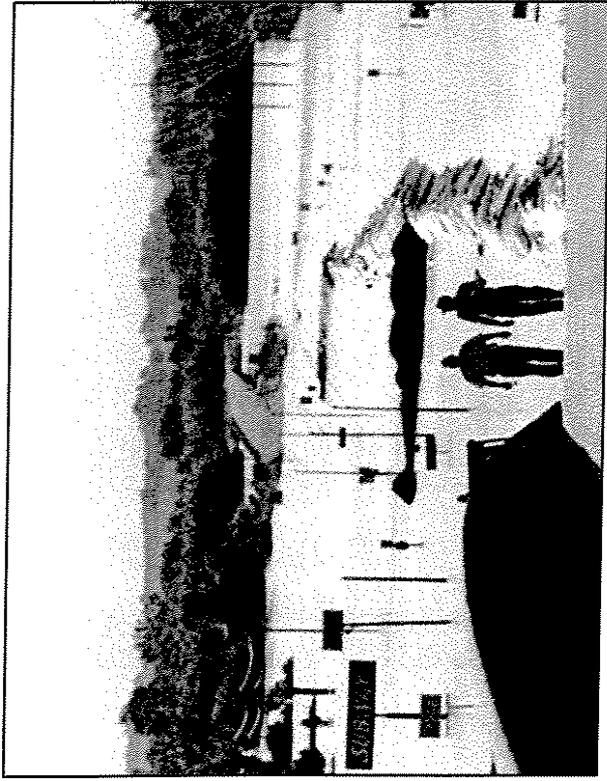


Lamont – buried cable can wash up from oversoaked soil

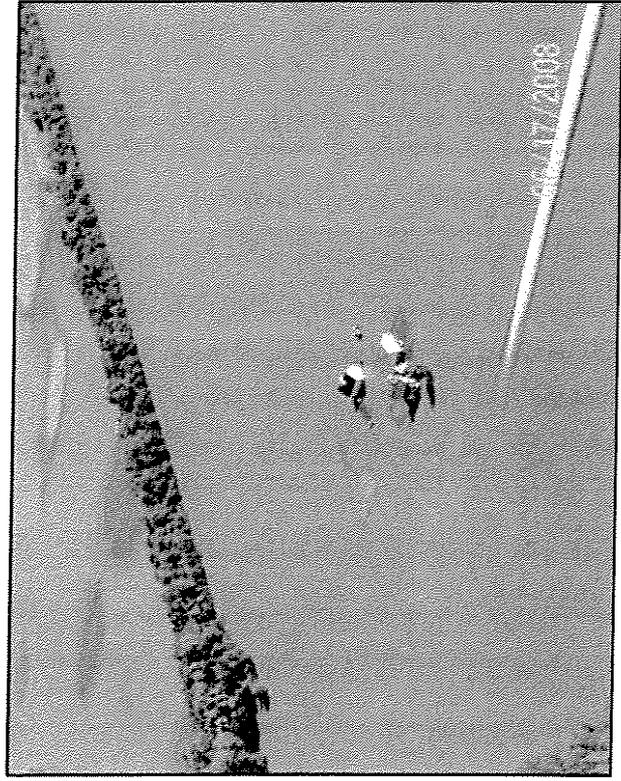
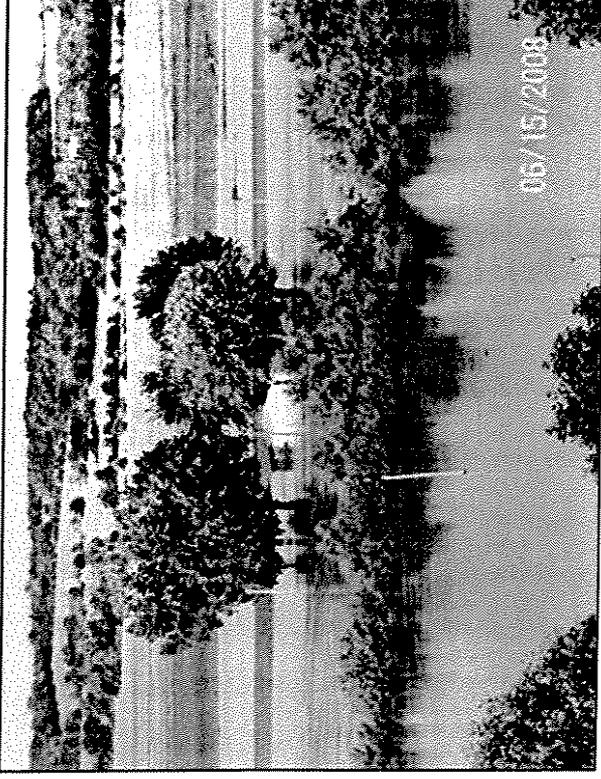


Lamont – example of debris

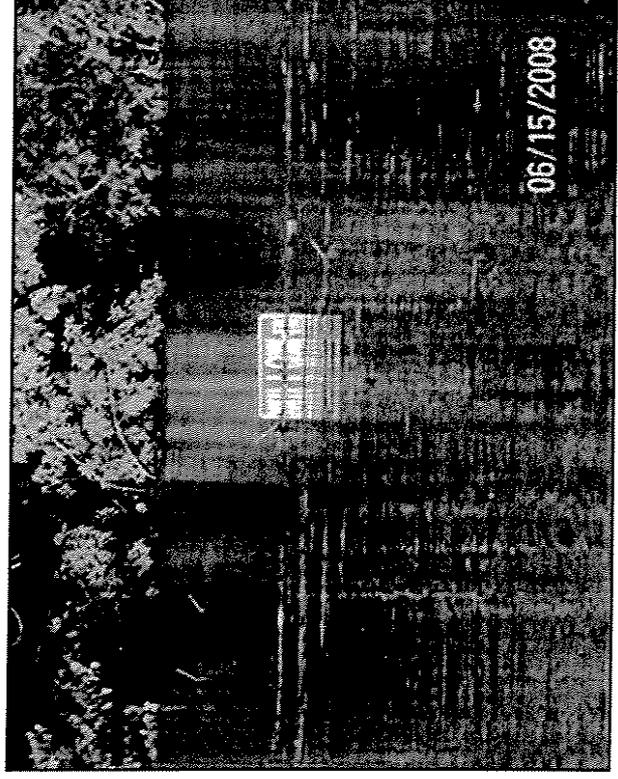
Columbus Junction Main Road



Eldon and Environs

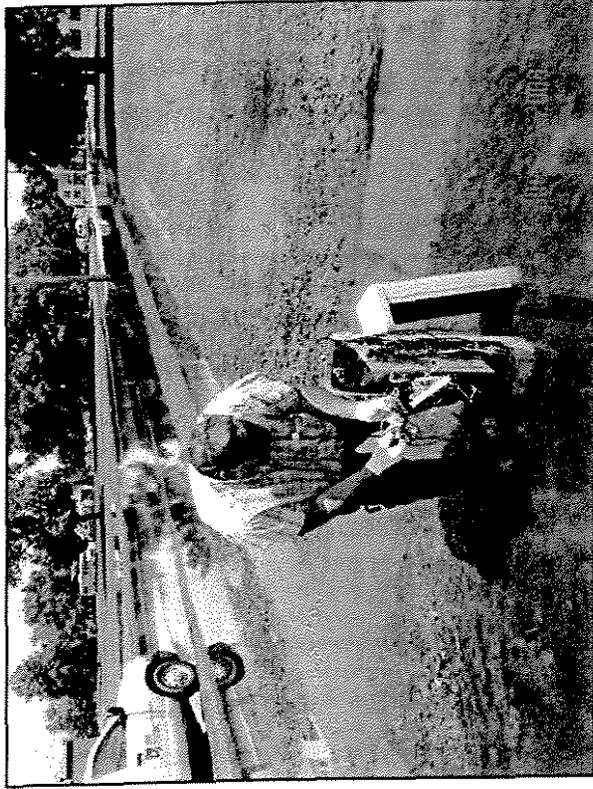


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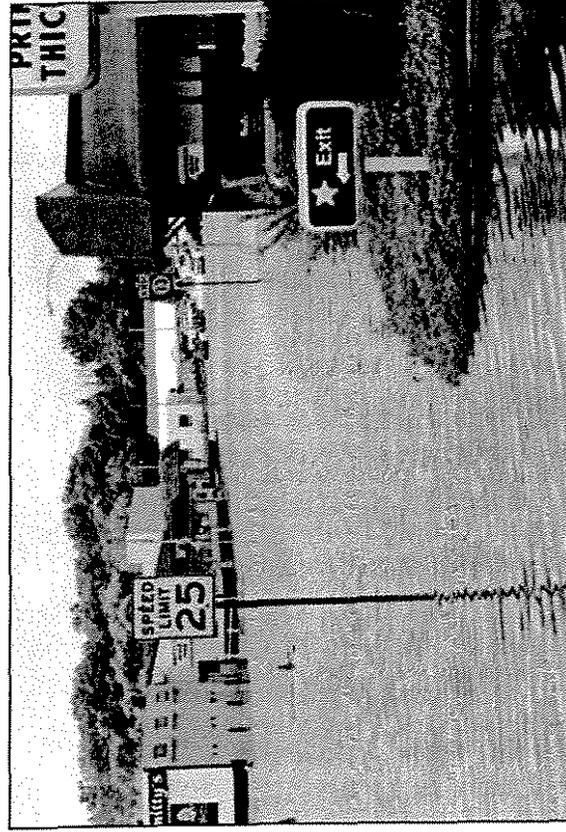


Eldon

Chelsea Outside Plant



Feeder Cable Uprooted in Marengo



Manchester Main Road