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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication; In the Matter of Request for Review by Mid-Communications, Inc. dba HickoryTech of Decision by Universal Service Administrator, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 31, 2008, William VanderSluis, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Carrie Rice, Regulatory Affairs Administrator, and Janice Pykles, Cost Studies Coordinator of HickoryTech, and Tamar Finn and Lauren Bayer of Bingham McCutchen LLP met with Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB") staff Jennifer McKee and Carol Pomponio. HickoryTech participants attended the meeting via conference call.

The participants discussed the attached handouts at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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Tamar E. Finn

cc (by e-mail):
Jennifer McKee
Carol Pomponio

Enclosures