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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notification  
WT Docket No. 05-265  
WT Docket No. 08-95**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 3, 2008, Eric Peterson, Executive Director of the Rural Cellular Association (“RCA”) and the undersigned, on behalf of the Rural Cellular Association, met with Wayne Leighton, Special Advisor, Wireless & International, to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, to discuss the status of the pending petitions for reconsideration in WT Docket No. 05-265, “Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers,” as well as RCA’s interest in having the Commission address the data roaming issues that were the subject of the Commission’s Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the same proceeding on which RCA previously submitted comments. We also discussed the status of RCA’s petition for rulemaking regarding exclusivity arrangements between commercial wireless carriers and handset manufacturers.

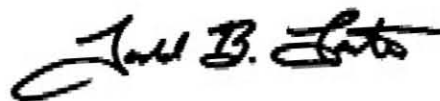
In response to an inquiry from Mr. Leighton, Mr. Peterson and I restated RCA’s concerns with the proposed Verizon Wireless – ALLTEL transaction. Specifically, we noted that spectrum divestiture was needed in significantly more markets than what Verizon Wireless has, thus far, agreed to and that the proposed transaction highlighted the need for expeditious

Commission action to lift the in-market exception and expand the Commission's automatic roaming requirement to include data services.

RCA representatives also encouraged the initiation of Commission action to address the problematic use of handset exclusivity arrangements, particularly in view of the proposed Verizon Wireless – ALLTEL transaction. The information provided was consistent with RCA's comments and reply in the Verizon Wireless-ALLTEL merger proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically with your office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd B. Lantor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Cc: Wayne Leighton  
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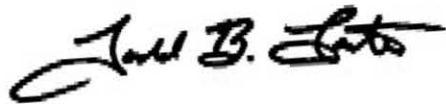
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