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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; and
High Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 11, 2008, William Roughton of Centennial Communications and the undersigned met with Commissioner Copps and Scott Deutchman of the Commissioner's staff to discuss universal service reform. Mr. Roughton discussed Centennial's successful provision of wireless services to the Blackhawk-Shaw area of Louisiana using universal service funds and reiterated the concerns Centennial has raised in previous filings in the above referenced dockets. Mr. Roughton also explained that Centennial is required to make detailed quarterly or annual filings with the State commissions in each State where it is a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (CETC), and how these State filings provide assurance that Centennial and other CETCs are spending universal service funds to expand and improve service in the areas for which the support is provided.

Due to an administrative oversight, it has just come to the attention of the undersigned that this ex-parte was not filed immediately after the meeting took place.

Respectfully,

/s/ Earl Comstock

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