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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 12, 2008, Tony Wolk, William Roughton, and Omar Martinez of Centennial Communications, Edwin Quinones of Quinones and Sanchez, and the undersigned met with Commissioner McDowell and Nicholas Alexander of the Commissioner's staff to discuss universal service reform. Centennial discussed the positive impact they have had serving consumers in Puerto Rico and their 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. Centennial explained that they are 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 that 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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