



INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

October 28, 2008

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20054

**Re: *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime
Proper Routing and Compensation for Termination of
Telecommunications Traffic
CC Docket 01-92***

***Federal-State Joint Board for Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 05-337***

NOTICE OF EX PARTE

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Curt Stamp and the undersigned of ITTA, Karen A. Puckett, COO of CenturyTel Inc., Robert Currey, CEO of Consolidated Communications, Donald R. Shassian, CFO of Frontier Communications, Alan Wells, CEO of Iowa Telecom, and Jeff Gardner, CEO of Windstream, met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor-Tate and Greg Orlando to discuss the above-captioned dockets.

The group expressed their continued commitment to reasonable, comprehensive Intercarrier Compensation (ICC) and Universal Service Fund (USF) reform, consistent with ITTA's prior filings, and renewed its call for a reasonable, unified terminating rate for traffic that is compensable and does not provide a drastic revenue shift, in contrast to a rate as low as \$0.0007 per minute. Such a shift will result in impairments, including job reductions and adverse local economic impacts, in the carriers' ability to continue to provide service and deploy broadband in rural America. The carriers urged the Commission to place the plan out for comment to solicit full input from all concerned. The attached documents were distributed to Commissioner Tate and Mr. Orlando.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this summary is included in the dockets of the above-captioned proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Joshua Seidemann

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Attachments

cc: Commissioner Deborah Taylor-Tate
Greg Orlando