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

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337 (also filed in WC Docket No. 03-109, WC Docket No. 06-122, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 96-98, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 99-68, WC Docket No. 04-36)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The undersigned met with Greg Orlando, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tate, on December 4, 2008. In the meeting, we discussed opposition to the proposed cap on universal service support that would limit each ETC and CETC to the gross dollar support they received in 2008 on a study area by study area basis, as described in my December 2, 2008 ex parte letter filed in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hudson'.

Paul B. Hudson