

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REFORM COMPREHENSIVE INTERCARRIER  
COMPENSATION

COMMENTS ON COMPREHENSIVE INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION AND  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REFORM FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED  
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TO: Chairman Martin - Federal Communications Commission

DATE: October 28, 2008

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MESSAGE:

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

October 25, 2008

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

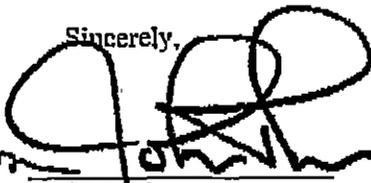
We are writing to you regarding the proposals that have been circulated for consideration during the November 4, 2008 meeting of the Commission. We are very concerned that proposals are being fast tracked without any type of transparency.

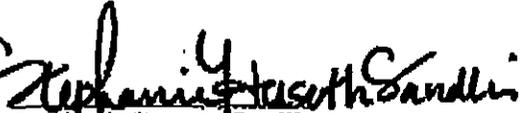
We are concerned that intercarrier compensation and Universal Service reform proposals are tied to the outstanding Internet Service Provider (ISP) Remand Order and have not been made public. Any proposal to reform intercarrier compensation and the Universal Service Fund has a significant impact on services in our state. Making broad changes without any opportunity for those affected to comment does not serve the best interests of service providers in our state or their customers. Providers and customers across the country should have the opportunity to review the proposed changes and weigh in about how they will affect services.

Rather than voting on these proposals on November 4<sup>th</sup>, we urge you address the ISP Remand order separately, release the comprehensive proposal to the public and establish a Public Comment period. Comprehensive changes to programs that are so essential should not be done without transparency.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Johnson  
United States Senate

  
John Thune  
United States Senate

  
Stephanie Herseht Sandlin  
Member of Congress

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