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**Via Electronic Delivery**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation  
Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of CMRS Providers  
WT Docket No. 05-265  
Applications of ALLTEL Corporation and Verizon Wireless  
WT Docket No. 08-95**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 6, 2009, I met with Paul Murray, Legal Advisor to Acting-Chairman Michael Copps, on behalf of the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. ("RTG") to discuss the above-referenced proceedings.

I inquired as to the status of RTG's pending Petition for Reconsideration in WT Docket No. 08-95 as it specifically relates to the length of time for the roaming agreements rural wireless carriers must select pursuant to the Commission's November 2008 Order in WT Docket No. 08-95. I reiterated RTG's understanding that throughout the Commission's negotiations with the parties, it had always been RTG's understanding that the entire agreement selected, whether it is the Alltel agreement or the Verizon agreement, is to be in place for four years from the trigger date -- not that rates would not increase upwardly for four years as now argued by Verizon. I emphasized that time is running and that rural wireless carriers need an answer so that they can elect the best agreement for their situation. I also expressed RTG's support for the recent ex partes made by Leap and other similarly situated wireless carriers supporting the application of the four years to the entire agreement not to rates only.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Caressa D. Bennet

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cc: Paul Murray