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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication: RM-11497** – Rural Cellular Association  
Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Exclusivity Arrangements between Commercial  
Wireless Carriers and Handset Manufacturers

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The presentation occurred on April 22, 2009 in a meeting with Renee Roalnd Crittendon, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein.

Attending the meeting on behalf of Cellular South, Inc. ("Cellular South") were Victor H. (Hu) Meena, Carson M. Hughes and Eric Graham of Cellular South, and its representatives Charles (Chip) Pickering, Susan Butler, Mitch Rose and David Nace. It was suggested that the Commission promptly adopt a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the referenced matter. Exclusive handset arrangements impede competition among wireless carriers to the detriment of the public, and the arrangements

threaten the ongoing viability of small and mid-sized wireless carriers such as Cellular South.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Nace". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David L. Nace

cc: Renee Roland Crittendon (by email)  
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