



June 3, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Notice:

In the Matter of Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board; Petition Filed by National Telecommunications Cooperative Association for Clarification and/or Limited Waiver of the Commission's Part 36 Jurisdictional Separations Rules, CC Docket No. 80-286, DA 09-623;

In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60;

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009, Karlen Reed, Regulatory Counsel, and Rick Schadelbauer, Economist, both with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), met with Julie Veach, Tom Buckley, and Alex Minard of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau.

We discussed issues raised in NTCA's August 29, 2008 Petition and May 5, 2009 reply comments which urged the Commission to permit rate of return ILECs to recover federal USF OIG audit expenses from the interstate jurisdiction through the Part 36 separations process. We also discussed NTCA's March 16, 2009 ex parte filing which encouraged the Commission to expand and make permanent the FCC's rural health care pilot program, and to consider the adverse effects that funding competitive healthcare networks could have on existing rural broadband infrastructure. The discussions were consistent with NTCA's positions in previously filed comments and pleadings in the above-referenced dockets.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2146.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karlen Reed
Karlen Reed
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Tom Buckley
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