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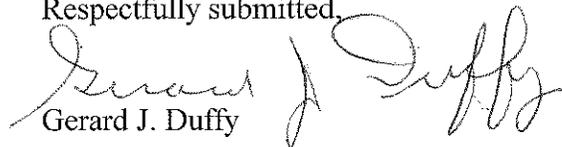
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 13, 2009, Derrick Owens, Eric Keber, Bob DeBroux, Don Jackson, Jason Hendricks and Gerry Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") met with Priya Aiyar, Legal Advisor for Wireline Competition and International Issues to Chairman Julius Genachowski, to discuss various broadband matters.

The topics included: (a) the experiences of WTA's rural telephone company members in deploying digital subscriber line ("DSL"), hybrid fiber-DSL and fiber-to-the-home ("FTTH") facilities to make broadband services available to increasing portions of their rural customers; (b) the capacity, scalability, reliability and security advantages of fiber optic facilities in bringing existing and future broadband services to rural areas; (c) the need for sufficient and continuing high-cost Universal Service Fund ("USF") support to enable rural telephone companies to upgrade, operate and maintain their networks as broadband services and bandwidth requirements evolve; and (d) the advantages of complementary wireline and wireless broadband networks in rural America.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: Priya Aiyar