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RE: WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337 and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

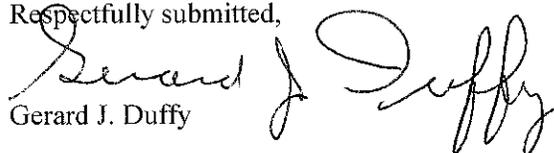
On August 3, 2010, Chris Davidson, Steve Harper, Don Jackson and Cory Jackson of Tri County Telephone Association, Inc. ("TCT"), a Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") member, and Derrick Owens and Gerry Duffy representing WTA met with Christi Shewman, Legal Advisor for Wireline and Universal Service to Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker, to discuss broadband and universal service matters relating to the pending *Notice of Inquiry and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 10-58, released April 21, 2010 in the referenced dockets.

The topics included: (a) the history and development of TCT and the manner in which it has been extending broadband services (predominately via hybrid fiber-copper digital subscriber lines) to its rural Wyoming customers; (b) the value of broadband in enabling TCT's farming and ranching customers to purchase their supplies and sell their products in the most advantageous markets, as well as in bringing substantial new businesses to TCT's service area; (c) the dangers posed by the proposed "4 Mbps downstream, 1 Mbps upstream" target to broadband deployment and service quality in TCT's service area and other rural areas; (d) the effectiveness of Rate of Return regulation in enabling TCT and other small rural carriers to obtain the loans necessary to build out their previous voice networks and their current multiple use networks; and (e) the critical role of federal universal service support in the construction and operation of TCT's network, and the adverse impacts upon TCT's service and employees of a substantial reduction in such support.

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: Christi Shewman