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

Subject: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board, Docket CC No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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 communication in the above-captioned proceeding. Today, Brooks Harlow of Miller Nash LLP, as counsel for United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), spoke with Irene Flannery, of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Although the call was largely a status inquiry regarding U.S. Cellular's October 8, 2007, Petition For Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies in the State of Nebraska ("Petition"), Mr. Harlow did note that the population densities of the wire centers proposed to be served by U.S. Cellular were comparable to those noted in the Commission's recent *Standing Rock Sioux* order¹ approving redefinition.

¹ Order DA No. 10-1601 (August 24, 2010).

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We trust you will find this information to be useful. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned counsel directly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brooks E. Harlow".

Brooks E. Harlow, P.C.

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery (via e-mail)