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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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**RE: WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337 and 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51;
and CC Docket Nos. 01-92 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 22, 2011, Jason Hendricks and Becky Dooley representing RT Communications, Inc. ("RT"), Mike Kenney representing Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("DTE"), and Derrick Owens and Gerry Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") met with Carol Matthey, Rebekah Goodheart, Randy Clarke, Patrick Halley, Dan Ball, Doug Sloten, John Hunter, Kevin King, Robit Dixit, Trent Harkrader, Victoria Goldberg and Travis Litman (as well as Gary Seigel and Ted Burmeister via telephone) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the impact of the Commission's pending universal service and intercarrier compensation proposals upon the two affiliated Wyoming rural telephone companies.

DTE described its service area, which consists of high-cost mountainous areas and portions of the multi-tribe Wind River Reservation. DTE has no cable television or other wireline competitors, and has wireless services in some parts of its service area. RT is comprised of rural exchanges acquired from US West during the 1990s, and has cable companies operating in a few towns and some wireless presence. DTE (19 employees) and RT (61 employees) are both substantial employers in their rural service areas.

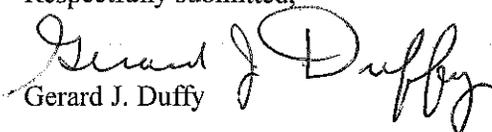
DTE and RT have each deployed broadband services having downstream speeds of 1.5 megabits per second ("Mbps") or more to at least 90 percent of their customers. Most of their customers are interested in higher speeds as they become available.

DTE (80 percent) and RT (66 percent) rely upon universal service support and access revenues for the major portions of their regulated revenue streams. They are very concerned about the proposals to phase out local switching support, reduce reimbursement rates for high-cost loop support, and reduce or eliminate universal service support for corporate operations expenses. They are particularly worried that some combination of these changes, if implemented, would result in revenue decreases that (a) would require DTE and RT to increase further their already above-average local service rates; and/or (b) would put DTE (\$1 million existing and \$11 million pending Rural Utilities Service loans) and RT (\$40 million in existing Rural Utilities Service loans) in violation of the covenants of their existing loans.

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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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