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Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
WC Docket No. 07-135
WC Docket No. 05-337
GN Docket No. 09-51
CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 19, 2011, Holly Henderson of SouthernLINC Wireless; Cheryl O'Brien of Illinois Valley Cellular; Tom Walsh of Illinois Valley Cellular; Eric Graham of Cellular South; Brian Spurgeon of Nex-Tech Wireless; Doug Minster of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc.; David LaFuria of Lukas Nace Gutierrez & Sachs; Grant Spellmeyer of U.S. Cellular; Andrew Newell of Viaero Wireless; Julia Tanner of MTPCS; James Barker of Latham & Watkins, Counsel to RCA; and the undersigned ("RCA") met with Zachary Katz, Legal Advisor to the Chairman, to discuss reform of the Universal Service Fund.

At the meeting, RCA supported the FCC's goal to accelerate investment in broadband infrastructure and make broadband services more accessible throughout the United States—particularly for people living in rural and insular, high-cost areas, tribal lands, and for low income Americans. In any reform of the Universal Service Fund, RCA expressed the need for competition in the marketplace and encouraged the use of targeted cost modeling with portable support. RCA supported technologically neutral reform through equal phase down periods for all current recipients of Universal Service Funds in transitioning to any new support programs. Further, RCA encouraged ongoing support for wireless services through any transition period, technologically and competitively neutral reform with speed thresholds that support participation by wireless carriers in the Universal Service program, and appropriately sized geographic areas.

RCA strongly opposed the use of reverse auctions for distribution of Universal Service support as an anticompetitive race-to-the-bottom.

This *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically with your office pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

Sincerely,

/s/

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VP, Legislative Affairs

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