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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: United States Cellular Corporation
WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 96-45;
GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket No. 06-122
CC Docket No. 01-92

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On June 15, 2011, undersigned counsel, and Grant Spellmeyer on behalf of United States Cellular Corporation, along with Jim Stegeman and Mike Wilson of CostQuest Associates, met with Zac Katz, Sharon Gillett, Ruth Milkman, James Schlichting, Trent Harkrader, Carol Matthey, Steven Rosenberg, Bradley Gillen, Rebekah Goodheart, Patrick Halley, Joseph Cavender, Amy Bender, Kevin King, Margaret Wiener, Tom Peters, Martha Stancill, Rohit Dixit, Michael Byrne, Katie King, Theodore Burmeister (telephonically) and Michael Steffen (telephonically).

U.S. Cellular introduced the concept of using a model to distribute support for mobile broadband service. Mr. Stegeman and Mr. Wilson explained how a cost model and a support model can be used to establish an efficient level of costs and determine appropriate support levels in targeted high-cost rural areas. They explained the benefits models provide in investigating various policy choices associated with revamping the distribution mechanism. Four states were modeled, with preliminary results showing a reduced level of funding in three of the four states.

U.S. Cellular reiterated its earlier advocacy that fixed broadband and mobile broadband should both be supported, ideally in separate funds. Support in each fund would be portable among designated eligible telecommunications carriers, based on modeled costs.

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U.S. Cellular explained that its presentation on a mobile broadband fund represents a departure point, a demonstration that models can work to achieve the goals set forth by Congress in the 1996 Act. The company urged the Commission to further explore the use of models over the coming months, even if a model is not adopted as a transitional support mechanism.

A copy of the presentation material is enclosed.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,



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