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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 July 13, 2011, Jim Woody of Union Telephone Company, Mark Gailey of Totah Communications, Paul Cooper of Fred Williamson and Associates, Inc., and Derrick Owens and Gerard Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance (of which Messers. Woody and Gailey are directors) met with Christine D. Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, to discuss the Commission's pending universal service and intercarrier compensation rulemaking in the referenced dockets.

The conversation included: (a) the importance of predictable and sufficient high-cost support and intercarrier compensation revenue streams to the ability of rural telephone companies to repay their outstanding Rural Utilities Service and private sector loans and to operate and maintain their existing networks and services; (b) the adverse impact of uncertainties and threats to essential revenue streams upon the ability of rural telephone companies to obtain the loans needed for additional future broadband deployments and upgrades; and (c) the status of various Commission proceedings and telecommunications industry discussions seeking solutions to broadband, universal service and intercarrier compensation issues.

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: Christine D. Kurth