



October 23, 2011

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

Re: United States Cellular Corporation

WC Docket No. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, and 03-109
GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket No. 01-92 and 96-45

Madame 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 proceedings. On October 21, 2011, the undersigned spoke by phone with Zac Katz, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski.

During the course of that discussion, U.S. Cellular advocated that any phase down of existing CETC support adopted by the Commission be subject to a full five year (60 month) schedule commencing on July 1, 2012. Plans described as occurring over a five year plan with annual 20% decreases actually provide no funding for the entire fifth year and would more accurately be described as a 4 year phase down.

In the alternative, U.S. Cellular recommended that if the phase down were to be completed by the end of the fourth year that it not commence until January 1, 2013, so as to permit existing build plans already made for ETC areas for 2012 to be fully realized. It would also allow time for the FCC to complete further rulemakings on CETC support anticipated to occur in 2012. Failure to delay commencement of phase downs could adversely impact tower construction during 2012.

Sincerely,
/S/
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cc: Zac Katz, Esq.