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**RE: WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 and GN Docket No. 07-45**

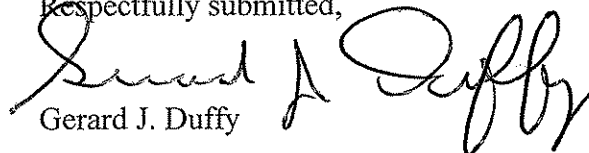
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 8, 2007, Rob Stephens, David Arvig, Dave Goggins, Jason Williams and Gerard Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") met with Daniel Gonzalez, Chief of Staff, and Ian Dillner, Legal Adviser, Wireline Issues, to Chairman Kevin J. Martin, to discuss various matters relating to short-term and long-term Universal Service Fund ("USF") reform.

The topics included: (1) WTA's support for the May 1, 2007 Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service regarding the placement of an interim cap on portable high-cost support provided to competitive eligible telecommunications carriers; (2) the need for regulators and industry representatives to consider and specify the current and future goals of the USF as a prelude to long-term reform; (3) WTA's view that the primary goal of the USF is to encourage and enable carriers and their lenders to make investments in essential rural telecommunications infrastructure; (4) WTA's perspectives regarding the impacts upon investment incentives of reverse auctions, capped programs and other potential USF reforms; (5) the potential role and effect of future broadband services and upgrades upon USF programs and reforms; and (6) the evolving definitions and speeds of broadband services.

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,

  
Gerard J. Duffy

cc: Daniel Gonzalez  
Ian Dillner



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