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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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*Ex Parte Notice*

**Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime  
CC Docket No. 01-92**

**High-Cost Universal Service Support  
WC Docket No. 05-337**

**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On October 22, 2008, H. Keith Oliver of Home Telephone Company, Inc., Robert Debroux of TDS Telecom, John Rose and Stuart Polikoff of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), and Derrick Owens and Gerard Duffy of the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) had five meetings at the FCC. The first meeting was with Scott Bergmann, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein. The second meeting was with Dana Shaffer, Donald Stockdale, Marcus Maher, and Randy Clarke of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB). The third meeting was with Nicholas Alexander, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell. The fourth meeting was with Scott Deutchman, Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. And the fifth meeting was with Chairman Martin, his Chief of Staff, Daniel Gonzalez, his Legal Advisor, Amy Bender, and Dana Shaffer and Donald Stockdale of the WCB. Also participating in this meeting via telephone was Mike Foster

of Twin Valley Telephone Company, Mark Gailey of Totah Communications, Inc., Catherine Moyer of Pioneer Communications, and Jason Williams of WTA.

The purpose of all five meetings was to discuss intercarrier compensation and universal service reform and its potential impacts on rural, rate of return (RoR)-regulated incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs). Specifically, we discussed the unification and reduction of terminating access charges, access revenue replacement options, future changes regarding originating access charges, broadband build-out and related Universal Service Fund changes, and transport changes and obligations with respect to broadband networks.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

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