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

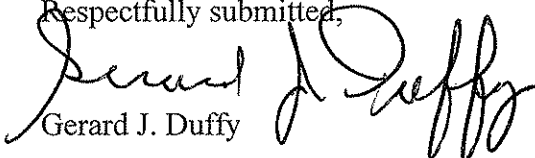
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 8, 2007, Rob Stephens, David Arvig, Dave Goggins, Jason Williams and Gerard Duffy representing the Western Telecommunications Alliance ("WTA") met with Thomas Navin, Renee Crittendon, Jeremy Marcus and Randolph Clarke of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss various matters relating to 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.

cc: Thomas Navin  
Renee Crittendon  
Jeremy Marcus  
Randolph Clarke

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Gerard J. Duffy

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