



March 22, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20054

**Re: NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* PRESENTATION**

***Federal State Board on Universal Service***  
**WC Docket No. 05-337**  
**CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 21, 2007, Jeffrey Lanning of Embarq and the undersigned, on behalf of the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), met with Scott Bergmann of Commissioner Adelstein's office to discuss the above-referenced dockets. John Jones of CenturyTel and Michael Balhoff, Robert C. Rowe, and Bradley Williams, all of Balhoff & Rowe LLC, joined the meeting via telephone.

The attached presentation was distributed at the meeting, during which ITTA urged the Commission to address key factors causing USF growth and to ensure a stable fund that can facilitate fulfillment of broadband imperatives.

Sincerely,

*s/Joshua Seidemann*  
Joshua Seidemann

Attachment

cc: Scott Bergmann