



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 22, 2007, Jeffrey Lanning of Embarq and the undersigned, on behalf of the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), met with Nicholas Alexander of Chairman Martin's office, Scott Deutchman of Commissioner Copps's office, and Thomas Navin, Donald Stockdale, Randy Clarke, Renee Crittendon, and Jeremy Marcus of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the above-referenced dockets. Michael Balhoff and Bradley Williams of Balhoff & Rowe LLC joined the meeting with Mr. Alexander via telephone.

The attached presentation was distributed at the meetings, 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: Nicholas Alexander  
Randy Clarke  
Renee Crittendon  
Scott Deutchman  
Jeremy Marcus  
Thomas Navin  
Donald Stockdale