



**INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE**

November 19, 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***  
**CC Docket No. 96-45**  
**WC Docket No. 05-337**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 16, 2007, Curt Stamp, Executive Director of the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Chris Moore. Mr. Stamp discussed proposals for short-term and long-term modifications to the Universal Service Fund (USF), consistent with comments filed previously by ITTA in the above-referenced dockets and including ITTA support for the interim cap on USF distributions to CETCs. Mr. Stamp also discussed widespread Congressional support for the interim cap; attached are letters representative of that discussion.

Mr. Stamp also discussed a possible unintended effect that grant of pending CETC petitions concurrent with adoption of the interim cap would have on interstate access support (IAS) for incumbent price cap ETCs.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Joshua Seidemann*  
Joshua Seidemann  
Director, Regulatory Policy

Attachments

cc: Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Chris Moore