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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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

DTV Consumer Education Initiative
MB Docket No. 07-148

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Curt Stamp and the undersigned, of the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), Brian Ford of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), Melissa Newman of Qwest, David Cohen of USTelecom, Katherine O'Hara of Verizon, Gerard Duffy on behalf of the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA), and Eric Einhorn of Windstream met with Scott Deutchman of Commissioner Copps's office to discuss the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation to impose an interim cap on Universal Service Fund support for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers, and DTV transition. This notice of *ex parte* appearance is submitted on behalf of the parties listed above.

Consistent with positions each has filed previously in the above-captioned proceeding, the parties stated their individual and collective support for the immediate adoption of an interim cap as a necessary part of comprehensive USF reform. The parties also discussed the *DTV Consumer Education Initiative* proceeding and issues surrounding a proposal to require providers of Lifeline/Link-Up services to provide consumer notification regarding DTV transition.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Joshua Seidemann
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cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Scott Deutchman