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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:

Today, Jeffrey Lanning of Embarq, 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), David Cohen of USTelecom, Katherine O'Hara of Verizon, and Derrick Owens of the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) met with Scott Bergmann of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein'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. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Joshua Seidemann  
Joshua Seidemann

cc: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Scott Bergmann