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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Mr. Mark Stone, Deputy Managing Director
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Ex Parte Filing on Schools and Libraries Program Connectivity Information

In the Matter of Comprehensive Review of Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight, WC Docket No. 05-195;

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45;

In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6;

In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60;

In the Matter of Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109;

In the Matter of Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21;

Dear Ms. Dortch and Mr. Stone:

As part of the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Site Visit Outreach Initiative,¹ USAC gathers information on the impact of the Universal Service Fund and

¹ USAC described the Site Visit Outreach Initiative in its Comments filed in response to the Federal Communications Commission's 2005 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. See *Comprehensive Review of Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight, Federal-State Joint Board on*

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the Schools and Libraries Program on the applicants' technology infrastructure and on the connectivity made possible by the Schools and Libraries program. In particular, USAC asks a number of questions designed to gather the following information during each site visit:

- The type and quality of the connectivity made possible by the Schools and Libraries program funding;
- The extent to which the type and quality of the connectivity is attributable to the Schools and Libraries program funding;
- The ubiquitousness of the connectivity at each facility; and
- The educational uses to which the connectivity is being put.

We would be pleased to provide you with more detailed information and to answer any questions you may have about this information.

Sincerely,

/S/ Richard Belden

Richard Belden
Chief Operating Officer

Universal Service, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, Lifeline and Link-Up, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-195, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 97-21, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-124, 70 FR 41658, ¶ 9 (rel. June 14, 2005) (*NPRM*); Comments of Universal Service Administrative Company, at 33 (filed Oct. 18, 2005).