AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE PORTABILITY AND
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION PROCESS
July 31, 2003
Denver, CO

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.:   Opening Remarks by Joint Board Chair and Commissioners

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.:   Panel 1: Basis of Support

Key Issues: Should competitive ETCs continue to receive the same per-line support as incumbent LECs? Should their support be determined on some other basis, such as their own costs?

Panelists:
- Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies
- ACS of Fairbanks, Inc.
- General Communication, Inc.
- Rural Independent Competitive Alliance
- Rural Cellular Association
- National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.:   Panel 2: Scope of Support/Measures to Control Fund Growth

Key Issues: Should support be restricted to primary lines? Are there other steps the Commission can take, consistent with the mandate to provide "sufficient" support, to combat excessive fund growth in the event of substantial penetration by CETCs? For example, should the Commission freeze per-line support upon CETC entry, restrict CETC support to "new" and "captured" lines (*i.e.*, lines not served by the incumbent), and/or withdraw per-line support from an ILEC when a CETC wins the customer?

Panelists:
- Verizon
- AT&T Corp.
- Sprint Corporation
- Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers
- National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.:   Panel 3: ETC Designation Process

Key Issues: Should the FCC adopt federal guidelines for state public interest determinations? What is the appropriate content and scope of the public interest determination required under section 214(e)(2) and 214(e)(6)? Should regulatory parity be a guiding principle?

Panelists:
- Montana Universal Service Taskforce
- National Telecommunications Cooperative Association
- Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance
- Western Wireless Corporation
- Nebraska Public Service Commission
- Iowa Utilities Board