Dear Mr. Barash:

On March 19, 2008, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) directed the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to hold in abeyance for 90 days its decision concerning the universal service fund (USF) contribution obligations of InterCall, Inc. (InterCall), dated January 15, 2008. In this letter, we instruct USAC to hold its decision in abeyance until July 1, 2008, pending further Commission action.

This letter should not be interpreted as a direction to alter, or even a waiver of, USAC’s general “pay and dispute” policy, which ensures the sufficiency of the USF by requiring contributors to pay disputed invoices. In addition, this letter does not alter the contribution obligations of toll teleconferencing providers, nor does it entitle any toll teleconferencing provider to dispute its USF invoicing or otherwise alter its contributions to USF. This instruction to hold in abeyance is also limited to USAC’s January 15, 2008 decision, pending Commission review of InterCall’s Request for Review of such USAC decision.

Sincerely,

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