March 21, 1996

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BY HAND
William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CS Docket No. 96-46, Open Video Systems

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 19, 1996, Spencer Kaitz, Jeffrey Sinsheimer, and Jerry Yanowitz of the California Cable Television Association, and Debi Bush of Jones Education Network, and Robert Auger of Time Warner met with Commissioner Ness and James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness, to discuss Open Video Systems ("OVS") and other issues. Specifically, the need to prevent cross-subsidies on OVS systems was discussed, along with a variety of issues relating to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, including the size of the fund and the relationship between the fund, unbundling, and local competition issues.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, two copies of this notice are being submitted. Due to the necessity for many of the meeting participants to travel, this letter is being filed today, the earliest practical date following the meeting. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.
Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donna N. Lampert

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
James Casserly