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Notice of Ex Parte

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

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On December 7, 2017, the undersigned and Kathryn Glaser of HD Tandem, along with Megan Delany, Principal, Dentons, met separately with Jay Schwarz, Wireline Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai, and Travis Litman, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor, Wireline and Public Safety, to Commissioner Rosenworcel, regarding the above-referenced proceeding. In addition, also on December 7, 2017, we met with Pamela Arluk, Lynne Engledow, Lisa Hone, John Hunter, Edward Krachmer, Rhonda Lien, Douglas Sloten, Gil Strobel, and Shane Taylor of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Victoria Goldberg, Albert Lewis, and Richard Kwiatkowski, also of the Wireline Competition Bureau, participated in the meeting via teleconference.

During the meetings, we discussed HD Tandem's Internet Protocol Homing Tandem ("IPHT") proposal suggesting that local exchange carriers that are hosting high-volume voice applications should home to a new application IPHT. Under HD Tandem's IPHT proposal, originating carriers could then choose over which route to send their traffic - via the legacy TDM tandem or via the IPHT. This proposal would address industry concerns in the near term as well as stimulate the IP Transition in the long term by incentivizing carriers to embrace IP networks and technologies.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Erickson

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