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VIA ECFS

EX PARTE NOTICE

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

Re: *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25 & 15-247 and RM-10593*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 13, 2016, I spoke with Deena Shetler via telephone concerning the proposed Tariff Investigation Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking the Chairman circulated in the above-captioned dockets for Commission consideration at its April 28 Open Meeting. I focused on the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and stated that INCOMPAS supports the Commission's efforts to finally resolve the proceedings based on the principles we agreed to with Verizon in a joint letter filed on April 7 in WC Dockets 05-25 and RM-10593.

I also discussed the need for the Commission to fully explore in the next phase of its proceeding a methodology that will ensure that competitors have access to wholesale rates that will promote competition at the retail level. I indicated that at our recent INCOMPAS Show several members discussed this with me and emphasized the importance of this issue as key to promoting competition in the business market, as well as the availability of competitive options for non-profits, healthcare and government facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Angie Kronenberg
Angie Kronenberg

cc: Deena Shetler