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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S W
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation* – National Exchange
Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 5, Transmittal No.
952, WC Docket No. 02-356

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 15, 2003, Ken Levy, Patricia Chirico, Bill Cook, and Victor Glass of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) participated in a conference call with Judith Nitsche, Jay Atkinson, Douglas Sloten, and Paula Cech of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) to discuss support information presented in NECA's *Direct Case* (filed Dec. 2, 2002) and *Rebuttal* (filed Dec. 23, 2002) in the above captioned tariff transmittal. In particular, NECA discussed the level of earnings, the impact of uncollectibles and true-up mechanisms on current earnings, and the escrow process described in the *Direct Case*.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this Notice has been filed electronically in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ Regina McNeil

cc: Judith Nitsche, PPD
Qualex International