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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 16, 2003, Rob Curtis and Tom Koutsky of Z-Tel and Tim Simeone and I met with Dan Gonzalez. We discussed in detail the proposal set forth in Commissioner Martin's December 12, 2002, speech as it pertains to the issues under consideration in the Triennial Review. We also reiterated Z-Tel's views that section 271 is of great importance in determining unbundling obligations and that state commissions have an important role to play in making unbundling determinations.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/

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