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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Motion for Extension of Time (*In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, et. al.*), CC Dockets No. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 98-170, 02-33, 95-20, 98-10 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 17th, the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee, AT&T Corp., e-commerce and Telecommunications Users Group (“e-Tug”), Level 3 Communications, LLC, and WorldCom, Inc. (collectively “Parties”) filed a motion for an extension of time for filing comments and reply comments in response to the Commission’s *Further Notice* to reform the universal service contribution mechanism. In particular, the Parties proposed that the deadline for filing comments be extended from January 29, 2003 to February 28, 2003 and that the deadline for filing reply comments be extended from February 28, 2003 to April 18, 2003.

SBC hereby expresses its support for this motion. SBC concurs with the aforementioned Parties that an extension of the deadline to file comments and reply comments is both necessary and appropriate for several reasons. First, many of the subject matter experts required to analyze the *Further Notice* were also active participants in the development of reply comments that were filed only a week ago in the Commission’s Tenth Circuit Remand proceeding. Second, SBC believes that the factual record in this proceeding would benefit greatly if the deadlines were scheduled so as to include input regarding the ongoing implementation of the Commission’s recent interim reforms. Third, the additional time would enable the various parties to comprehensively evaluate the various proposals raised in the *Further Notice*. Finally, additional time will permit additional discussions amongst the various industry sectors in the pursuit of an outcome that is acceptable to all parties to this highly contentious proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Tan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Cc: William Maher, Chief – Wireline Competition Bureau
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