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**Ex Parte**

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

Re: *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local  
Exchange Carriers*  
CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing is a recent article from the Washington Post reporting that recent technological advances in DSL electronics have greatly increased the capacity that may be transmitted over copper loops without the need to add fiber to the loop. In addition, the article provides further factual evidence, including statements by the Bells themselves, that the Bells will not invest more in upgrading their local loops even should the Commission relax existing unbundling obligations.

Very truly yours,

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