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Via ECFS

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

Re: *Ex Parte*
CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this will provide notice that on November 20, 2003, Wanda Montano (Vice President – Regulatory, US LEC Corp.), Michael L. Shor (General Counsel, US LEC Corp.), and the undersigned met with Chris Libertelli (Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell) and Trey Hanbury (Special Counsel in the Office of General Counsel) concerning the possible impact on the CLEC industry of various outcomes of the Commission's consideration of the Petitions for Reconsideration of the CLEC Access Charge Order and US LEC's Petition for Declaratory Ruling in the above-captioned proceedings.

Sincerely,


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