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**Via ECFS**

Marlene R. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 January 8, 2004, Wanda Montano (Vice President – Regulatory, US LEC Corp.), Patrick J. Donovan, and the undersigned met with Bill Maher (Chief of the Wireless Bureau), Jeffrey Carlisle (Deputy Chief of the Wireless Bureau), Josh Swift (Counsel of the Wireless Bureau), Tamara Preiss (Chief of the Pricing Division), Steve Morris (Deputy Chief of the Pricing Division), and Victoria Schlesinger (Staff Attorney for the Pricing Division) 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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