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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communications, In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Bob Quinn and the undersigned met with Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Verizon's request that the Commission forbear from applying section 271's competitive checklist requirements to "broadband" network elements. We explained why granting Verizon's request would be unlawful and inconsistent with the Commission's Triennial Review Order and the statutory language of Sections 10 and 271 of the Telecom Act. All comments made at the meeting were consistent with the comments and ex partes filed by AT&T in this proceeding.

In accordance with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JM" followed by a long horizontal line.

Joan Marsh

cc: Scott Bergmann