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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

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

Re: ***Section 251 Unbundling Obligations for Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, CC 01-338; Implementation of Local Competition of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147 – Ex parte***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 6, 2004, James C. Smith, Gary Phillips, and I, on behalf of SBC Communications Inc. (SBC), met with Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. During the course of the meeting, we reiterated the points SBC made in its earlier filings and ex parte submissions in this docket. In particular, we discussed our position regarding loops and transport in the *Triennial Review Remand* proceeding.

Pursuant to 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission.

Sincerely,

**/s/ Christopher M. Heimann**

cc: Matthew Brill