

February 1, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of ex parte presentation - WC Docket No. 03-171*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you, pursuant to the Commission's ex parte rules, that Robert McCausland, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Sage Telecom, Inc. ("Sage"), and the undersigned, on behalf of Sage, held a series of meetings with Commission staff. On January 27, 2005, we met with John Stanley, Nicholas Bourne, and Christopher Killion of the Office of General Counsel and Russell Hanser of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competition Policy Division. On January 28, 2005, we met with Daniel Gonzalez, senior legal advisor to Commissioner Kevin Martin. On January 31, 2005, we met separately with Scott Bergmann, legal advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein; and Steve Morris, Victoria Goldberg, and Randolph Clarke of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Pricing Policy Division.

In the meetings, we discussed the pending petitions for reconsideration of the *Core Order*.¹ We explained that, given Sage's customer base, focused on residential customers in rural and suburban areas, Sage's customers continue to generate large volumes of dialup Internet traffic. Accordingly, Sage urges the Commission to reconsider its decision to forbear from the growth caps and new markets rule.

¹ *Petition of Core Communications, Inc., for Forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160© from Application of the ISP Remand Order, WC Docket No. 03-171, Order, 19 FCC Rcd 20179 (2004) ("Core Order").*

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Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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