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EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 05-65 (SBC-AT&T merger application)  
WC Docket No. 05-75 (Verizon-MCI merger application)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2005, Joanna Lowry and Mathew Dovens of SAVVIS, Larry Strickling and Tony Hiller (by phone) of Broadwing, and Bruce Gottlieb and I met with Russ Hanser, Commissioner Abernathy's Acting Legal Advisor for Wireline Competition Issues, Scott Bergmann, Commissioner Adelstein's Legal Advisor for Wireline Issue, and Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner Copps' Senior Legal Advisor and Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor. We discussed the points made in the attachment, concerning Internet backbone issues. We also distributed our August 12, 2005, filing in these dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/

Christopher J. Wright  
*Counsel to Broadwing Communications, LLC and  
SAVVIS, Inc.*

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