



iBasis, Inc. Ex Parte Presentation

WC Docket 05-68 (Prepaid Calling Card Services)

and

96-45 (Universal Service)

01-92 (Intercarrier Compensation)

04-36 (IP Enabled Services)

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iBasis Background

- Innovator which has pioneered and facilitated Internet-based voice services
 - We have tapped into the power of the Internet
 - Offering a variety of international prepaid card products
- Supports Commission's continued effort to seek a rational approach to enabling IP-based services to flourish, including those that permit consumers to pay in advance for such services
- Successfully carries the very powerful U.S.-backed message that in the interest of opening foreign markets, Internet-based services should not be subject to traditional telecommunications regulation, creating substantial competitive pressure overseas

Prepaid Calling Card Position

- IP-Enabled voice services should continue to be promoted as Information Services, with minimal regulatory restraints
- Classification of IP-enabled prepaid calling should be considered as a part of the broader proceeding on all IP-enabled services
- Application of obligations that impinge on subject matters of other global proceedings similarly isolate a tiny portion of the market
 - Universal Service Funding
 - Intercarrier Compensation
- Oppose extraneous compliance burdens propounded by AT&T Emergency Petition

Universal Service

- IP-Enabled VoIP Prepaid Calling Cards should not be subject to existing funding requirements
- Current USF regime disproportionately taxes calling cards
 - Face value of card is heavily discounted in the distribution chain and does not represent revenues
- Prepaid Calling Cards target international callers
 - Any expansion of USF contribution should trigger expansion of international exemption to preserve low pricing
 - Exemption should apply to “other funds”
- Prepaid Calling Cards offer benefits to low-income and immigrant consumers

Intercarrier Compensation

- Refrain from selectively creating new rules that would serve to perpetuate current legacy access charge regime
 - ESP exemption should be preserved while reform is being contemplated
 - AT&T has not demonstrated a need for approximating percentage of use

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iBasis

A stylized world map in shades of blue and white, centered on the Atlantic Ocean. The map is overlaid on a background of a compass rose and latitude/longitude lines, all in a light blue color. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Africa.

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Thank you!

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