



March 16, 2006

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 15, 2005, James Olson and I, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom), David Bartlett and Steve Weeks (by phone) on behalf of Alltel, Jim Lamoureux on behalf of AT&T Inc., John McAllister on behalf of Century Tel., and Donna Epps on behalf of Verizon, met with Dana Shaffer, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate to discuss a USTelecom proposal for Commission action on phantom traffic (the Proposal). I am filing with this Notice a copy of the presentation that was used in the meeting.

USTelecom presented the Proposal and answered questions about phantom traffic and the Proposal. In brief, USTelecom explained that the Proposal reflects a broad consensus among companies operating in the converged telecom industry regarding several significant steps the Commission can take today to reduce phantom traffic. Although it is not intended to address all issues related to intercarrier billing or exchange of intercarrier traffic, this Proposal requires the delivery of signaling information to tandem providers and terminating carriers which facilitates the creation of accurate billing records, identification of parties responsible for payment, and the appropriate rating of calls. The Commission will deter signaling manipulation by vigorously enforcing the proposed rules and imposing significant penalties for violations.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning
Associate General Counsel

cc: Dana Shaffer