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

Re: CC Docket 01-92 -- Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is filed on behalf of the midsize carrier coalition that includes CenturyTel, Inc., Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., Fairpoint Communications, Inc., Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., TDS Telecommunications Corp., and Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. The midsize carriers have urged adoption of their proposal filed December 5, 2005 in this docket to address the growing problem of phantom traffic. The midsize carriers have met on numerous occasions with the Commissioners, FCC staff, state regulators, and others in the industry, and incorporated a number of their suggestions into their proposal. On March 2, 2006, the midsize carriers filed a modified proposal in this docket, reflecting these discussions. Further discussions with the industry have yielded even broader consensus on this subject and the attached proposal, slightly revised since March 2, reflects that consensus. As an example, the United States Telecom Association indicated in an *ex parte* filing in this docket yesterday that the association supports the attached proposal. Accordingly, the midsize carriers respectfully request that the attached proposal be accepted in this docket as the midsize carriers' "best effort" to draft rules that will adequately and fairly address phantom traffic. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karen Brinkmann

Enclosure

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