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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING (ECFS)**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication  
AU Docket No. 06-30 (AWS Auction Procedures); WT Docket No 05-211  
(AWS Designated Entity Rules) and CC Docket No. 01-338/WC Docket No.  
04-313 (Unbundled Access to Network Elements)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 4, 2006, Mr. Jim Perry, Managing Partner of Madison Dearborn Partners LLC (“MDP”), met with Chairman Kevin Martin in Chicago, Illinois. In the course of the meeting, Mr. Perry reiterated positions of record of MDP with respect to the upcoming AWS auction as follows: (1) the preference of MDP for a fully transparent auction process where bidding information is available after every round; (2) the support of MDP, in the absence of full transparency, for the Commission to adopt the compromise proposal recently advocated by the coalition of interested parties in the AWS proceeding rather than resorting to totally blind bidding; (3) the support of MDP for the changes to the designated entity (“DE”) program as outlined in the recent *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*; and, (4) the opposition of MDP to the Commission altering the Council Tree DE proposal in a manner that would sweep small and mid-sized wireless companies within the scope of the prohibition on investments in DEs.

At the meeting, Mr. Perry also stressed the need for the Commission to continue supporting the enforcement and consistent application of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 as it relates to competitive local exchange carriers. In particular, Mr. Perry emphasized the importance of allowing these carriers to access at TELRIC pricing the monopoly network elements necessary to serve small and medium sized businesses.

No written materials were exchanged in the meeting.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter is being electronically filed with your office.

Kindly refer any questions in connection with this letter to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl W. Northrop', written in a cursive style.

Carl W. Northrop

Of PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

CWN:s

cc: Chairman Kevin Martin

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