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

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

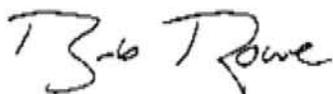
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 26, 2006, representatives of certain midsize companies had meetings with FCC staff concerning phantom traffic.

Meetings were held with John Grant, Advisor to Commissioner Tate; Scott Bergman, Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; and, Ian Dillner, Advisor to Chairman Martin. Participants in the meetings were Bob Udell, Brenda Gerstemeier, and Mike Shultz from Consolidated Tel; Jeff Glover from CenturyTel, Pat Morse from FairPoint; Mike Anderson from Iowa Tel; Karen Brinkmann of Latham & Watkins; and, Mike Balhoff, Brad Williams, and the undersigned from Balhoff & Rowe. Karen Puckett, President and Chief Operating Officer of CenturyTel and David Wilson of New Frontiers Communications also participated in the meeting with Mr. Dillner.

Participants stated their support for the Commission's agenda including network investment and broadband deployment. They also discussed the ongoing effort to develop a workable phantom traffic solution that would likely be linked to, but implemented in advance of intercarrier compensation reform. The group described the most recent modification of the Midsize Carrier Coalition phantom traffic proposal (filed with the Commission on March 31, 2006), which was based on extensive discussion with other stakeholders and subject matter experts. They described their ongoing efforts within the NARUC Intercarrier Compensation process to work with others to refine and develop proposals that will achieve meaningful improvement in what is to many companies a critical business-affecting issue, involving non-payment or underpayment of lawfully-owed revenue.

Sincerely,



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cc: John Grant, Scott Bergman, Ian Dillner