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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation by Level 3 Communications,  
LLC**

**Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116  
Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98  
IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36**

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") submits this notice of an ex parte presentation made in the above-captioned proceeding. On April 27, 2006, Adam Kupetsky, Regulatory Counsel for Level 3, and John Nakahata, of the law firm Harris, Wiltshire and Grannis LLP, met with Renée Crittendon, Marilyn Jones, Heather Hendrickson, Nick Alexander, Mary McManus and Ann Stevens of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

During these meetings, the Level 3 participants contended that end users of communications services must be allowed to port their telephone numbers to their chosen provider without unreasonable interference. Local Number Portability is required by the 1996 Telecommunications Act and is one of the fundamental tenants of the Act's overall goal of promoting competition in the telecommunications marketplace. Uninhibited porting is required in order to foster and support a competitive marketplace while encouraging conservation of a scarce national resource. This means that local exchange companies should not place any non-porting-related restrictions on end users' request to port numbers, regardless of whether the end user is a traditional voice customer or a Voice over IP customer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Adam Kupetsky

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