



May 4, 2006

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

**EX PARTE NOTICE**

Re: *SBC Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 05-276; Grande Communications' Petition For Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 05-283*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 2, 2005, James Olson and I, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom), David Bartlett on behalf of Alltel, Trey Judy on behalf of CT Communications, Trent Boaldin on behalf of EPICTOUCH, and Jack Day on behalf of SureWest Communications met with Tom Navin, Julie Veach, Marcus Maher, and Jennifer McKee of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss USTelecom's positions in comments and reply comments filed in these two dockets. We also left behind a copy of the attached letter.

USTelecom urged the Commission to act promptly, specifically to:

- (1) Grant, as soon as possible, AT&T's petition in WC Docket No. 05-276 for a ruling that will allow AT&T to recover access charge revenue to which it is due under explicit Commission precedent regarding "IP-in-the-Middle" toll traffic;
- (2) Grant, also as soon as possible, Frontier's petition in WC Docket No. 05-276 seeking payment for the Feature Group-A call services it is providing for the origination of interLATA voice communications;
- (3) Deny VarTec's petition in WC Docket No. 05-276 seeking assistance in its effort to escape liability for knowingly routing voice communications access traffic through third-party providers that refuse to pay for the terminating access services on that traffic; and
- (4) Deny Grande's petition in WC Docket No. 05-283 seeking Commission blessing for a proposed call laundering scheme that would re-label traffic to, in effect, unlawfully obtain and resell terminating access services at reciprocal compensation rates.

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: Tom Navin, Julie Veach, Marcus Maher, Jennifer McKee