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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 1, 2006, BellSouth representatives met with Dana Shaffer and Aaron Goldberger of Commissioner Tate's office to discuss changes in the universal service support methodology. Representing BellSouth at the meeting were Jonathan Banks, Theo Marcus and the undersigned.

During the meeting, BellSouth representatives discussed the need for comprehensive universal service reform. Specifically, BellSouth representatives reiterated their view that the current revenues-based contribution methodology should be changed to one based on working telephone numbers. In addition, the BellSouth representatives stated that it is imperative that VoIP providers contribute to universal service support as soon as is practicable. A copy of the materials presented at the meeting is attached.

This notice is being filed pursuant to Sec. 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Poltronieri

Attachment

Cc: Dana Shaffer
Aaron Goldberger