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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington DC 20554

**Re: NOTICE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION**

***In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, et. al.,  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170,  
02-33, 95-20, and 98-10.***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 6, 2006, Bob Quinn, Christopher Heimann, and I (all of AT&T Inc.) met with Ian Dillner and Elise Jones of Commissioner Tate's office to discuss the above referenced proceeding.

In particular, AT&T stressed that reform of the universal service contribution methodology is long overdue and urged adoption of reforms consistent with AT&T's telephone number/connection proposal.<sup>1</sup> AT&T pointed out that, if the FCC merely extends the current revenues-based system to VoIP and increases the wireless safe harbor, such measures would not only fail to address the fundamental flaws of the current system but, worse yet, could actually slow much needed reform. Should the FCC take such steps, it should do so *only* as part of a transition plan for comprehensive reform.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically via the Commission's ECFS system in the above referenced dockets. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric N. Einhorn

Cc: Mr. Ian Dillner (via electronic mail)  
Ms. Elise Jones (via electronic mail)

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<sup>1</sup> See AT&T Ex-Parte, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket Nos. 96-45, *et. al.* (filed 04-18-06).  
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