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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th 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.***

***In the Matter of Carriage of the Transmissions of Digital Television
Broadcast Stations, CS Docket No. 98-120***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 6, 2006, Bob Quinn, Christopher Heimann, and I (all of AT&T Inc.) met with Commissioner McDowell and his legal advisors Dana Shaffer and Cristina Chou Pauzé to discuss the universal service contribution methodology 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.¹ 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.

In addition, we answered questions regarding the implications of video multicasting in an IP environment.

¹ 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).
(http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6518333917)

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: Commissioner Robert McDowell
Ms. Dana Shaffer
Ms. Cristina Chou Pauzé