

October 17, 2006

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Meeting of Neutral Tandem, Inc.
WC Docket No. 06-74**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter serves to provide notice that, on October 17, 2006, Rian Wren and Ronald Gavillet of Neutral Tandem, Inc. ("Neutral Tandem") met with Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein concerning the above-referenced proceeding.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of Neutral Tandem's business and to explain the network diversity and competitive benefits provided by Neutral Tandem (e.g., flexibility to grow more rapidly, PSTN redundancy, reduced dependence on competitor, and better pricing). Also, recognizing parties' desire to freeze transit rates in markets where AT&T/BellSouth is the only choice for transit services, Neutral Tandem cautioned the Commission to properly design any transit rate freeze so as to avoid any unintended consequences, including freezing the development of competitive transit services.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed in the above-captioned proceedings for inclusion in the public record. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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