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

***EX PARTE* NOTICE**

Re: *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 05-25; *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 9, 2007, David Bartlett and Brian Adkins, on behalf of Embarq, met with Chris Moore, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate of the Federal Communications Commission. They discussed the comments Embarq filed in *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 05-25 on August 8, 2007, particularly the evidence regarding competition in Embarq's markets. They also discussed Embarq's filings regarding reform of high-cost universal service support, particularly regarding the need for more targeted and granular support for all carriers of last resort.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,