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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

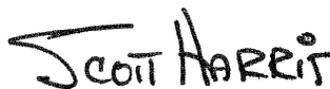
Re: *Petition of Telcordia Technologies Inc. to Reform Amendment 57 and to Order a  
Competitive Bidding Process for Number Portability Administration, WCB*  
Docket No. 07-149

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 22 October 2007, Richard Jacowleff and Joel Zamlong of Telcordia Technologies, along with undersigned counsel, met with Chris Moore, legal advisor to Commissioner Tate, in connection with the above-noted matter.

During this meeting we pointed out that Amendment 57 to the NAPM/NeuStar contract contains penalty provisions expressly designed to eliminate competition, until at least the end of 2011 – and the amendment has confidentiality provisions that make the reintroduction of competition unlikely even after 2011. We noted that the penalty provisions are so effective at barring competition because they impose financial penalties even before another contract is concluded, putting NAPM in the position of risking price increase if it engages in a formal contacting process even before NAPM knows whether it can sign another contract. We also noted that, despite the claims of NeuStar and NAPM, their contract is not a private contract that affects only its parties. Rather, the contract – by FCC Order – binds every telecommunications carrier. We reiterated our view that the FCC has the authority to – and indeed must – take action to remedy the current situation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chris Moore