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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: *Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; Amendment of the Commission's Rules and Policies governing Pole Attachments*, WC Docket No. 07-245; RM-11293; RM-11303.
High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337 (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 07-88).
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45).
Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 21, 2008, Tom Gerke, David Zesiger, Rondi Furgason, and David Bartlett, on behalf of Embarq, met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Scott Deutchman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Embarq voiced its agreement with the Commission's tentative conclusion that there should be a competitively neutral, unified rate for pole attachments supporting broadband services. Embarq emphasized the importance of granular targeting of universal service support. Embarq explained its support for prompt adoption of an interim cap on high-cost universal service fund support for eligible telecommunications carriers, but emphasized the need to ensure that the cap does not inadvertently reduce existing Interstate Access Support for price cap incumbent local exchange carriers. Embarq also noted the importance of addressing the phantom traffic problem, and endorsed USTelecom's proposal for common-sense signaling rules.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Embarq's petition involves issues that are relevant to each of these proceedings. Accordingly, Embarq is filing a copy of the petition here for addition to these dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Benedict".

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cc: Michael Copps
Scott Deutchman

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