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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: *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).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 5, 2008, David Bartlett, on behalf of Embarq, met with Chris Moore of the Federal Communications Commission.

Embarq shared its support for prompt adoption of an interim cap on high-cost universal service fund support for eligible telecommunications carriers, as proposed by the Commission. However, Embarq emphasized the need to ensure that the cap does not inadvertently reduce existing Interstate Access Support for price cap incumbent local exchange carriers.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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cc: Chris Moore

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