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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, WT Docket No. 05-265; ***EX PARTE***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on Friday, August 15, 2008, the undersigned of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for Leap Wireless International, Inc. (“Leap”), and Timothy Powers, Principal of Artemis Strategies, conferred by telephone with Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin on Wireless and International Issues, and Brent Greenfield, Chairman Martin’s Attorney Advisor, regarding the above-captioned proceeding. In that call, participants discussed the positions that Leap raised in its petition for reconsideration and other filings in this proceeding. Leap emphasized the importance of automatic roaming for consumers and explained the need to eliminate the exception for in-market or home roaming articulated in the *Roaming Order*.¹

The in-market exception eviscerates the fundamental common carrier obligations contained in Sections 201 and 202 of the Communications Act and will prevent many consumers (including many individuals who are under-served by the dominant carriers such as Verizon and AT&T) from receiving seamless nationwide wireless service. Based on recent news accounts suggesting that the Commission may soon act on the pending petitions for reconsideration, Leap strongly urged the Commission to eliminate the in-market exception altogether or, at a minimum, place the burden on the host carrier to justify any denial of automatic roaming in the event the Commission decides to maintain the in-market exception. The Commission should also allow

¹ See Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, WT Docket No. 05-265, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 22 FCC Rcd 15817, 15835–36 (¶¶ 48–51) (2007) (“*Roaming Order*”).

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for a substantial period of time before abandoning the automatic roaming rule for any licensed areas.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

- /s/ -

James H. Barker

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