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EX PARTE PRESENTATION

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, WC Docket No. 01-92;
Petition for Waiver of Embarq

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Embarq Local Operating Companies, I have enclosed a copy of Embarq's reply to comments on its Petition for Waiver of the Commission's rules. It was filed yesterday in WC Docket 08-160.

The petition seeks conditional waivers of price cap rules to allow Embarq to implement its Interim Access Unification Proposal, which is described in the Petition. The plan would allow Embarq to unify its intrastate and interstate switched access rates, on a revenue neutral basis, by study area. Such unification would reduce regulatory arbitrage, protect universal service, and promote investment in rural areas. It would also serve as an important interim step toward achieving further global reform of intercarrier compensation in the above-captioned docket.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please include this ex parte filing in the above-referenced docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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