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Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, TW-A325
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation – WC Dkt. 06-122, *Universal Service Contribution Methodology*; CC Dkt. 96-45, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 2, 2008, Richard S. Whitt, Washington Telecom and Media Counsel, Google Inc., and Mark O'Connor and the undersigned, both of Lampert, O'Connor & Johnston, P.C., met with Amy Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin to discuss the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, we discussed the growing deployment of innovative and beneficial services that are provided to consumers without a charge, including community voice mail, “follow-me,” and other services. We noted the potential negative impact that a numbers-based contribution methodology for universal service might have on such services, and on innovative IP-enabled applications and information services generally.

We also discussed Google's GrandCentral platform, a web-driven set of “unified messaging” software applications that allows consumers to integrate and control their existing phone numbers and voice mailboxes. We explained that the GrandCentral application does not provide users with dial tone or an underlying access arrangement, nor does it allow users to make outgoing PSTN calls. After pointing out the consumer benefits of such applications, we noted that current numbers-based contribution methodology proposals correctly are premised on a telephone number acting as a proxy for an underlying two-way PSTN connection. We stated that the FCC could help ameliorate certain legal and policy issues with such proposals by clarifying that an Assessable Number is a North American Numbering Plan (NANP) telephone number used for a telephone access service that enables a Final Consumer of Service to make and receive calls and for which the Contributor charges a fee to a Final Consumer of Service.

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets for inclusion in the public record. Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Lampert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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