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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; Petition for Waiver of Embarq, WC Docket No. 08-160.

Dear Ms Dortch:

Yesterday, October 21, 2008, David Bartlett and I, representing Embarq, met with Greg Orlando, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate. We discussed the intercarrier compensation and universal service proposals filed by the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance in the above-referenced proceedings. We also discussed generally the operation of various intercarrier compensation and universal service reform proposals with respect to Embarq and other mid-sized local exchange carriers. All of the discussion was consistent with Embarq's prior filings in these dockets.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in each of the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions or need anything else.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Greg Orlando