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

RE: Notice of Ex Parte - *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122; In the Matter of IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36; In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, October 22, 2008, MA Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("MDTC") Commissioner Sharon Gillett, and MDTC staff - Competition Division Director Mike Isenberg, General Counsel Geoffrey Why, and Competition Division Counsel Kerri J. DeYoung - held a telephone conversation with Greg Orlando, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tate, to discuss Chairman Martin's draft ICC/USF reform plan and the MDTC's concerns with the plan. Mr. Orlando summarized portions of Chairman Martin's plan, and Commissioner Gillett expressed to Mr. Orlando the MDTC's concerns, which were generally set forth in the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners' October 17, 2008, filing in the above-referenced proceedings. In particular, Commissioner Gillett further expressed that the MDTC is pro-reform and that, while the MDTC would like to analyze and comment on the plan's implications in Massachusetts, the plan's lack of disclosure to the public makes it difficult to do so. Commissioner Gillett referenced the National Association of Regulatory Utility

