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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Re: Developing A Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, WC Docket 99-68; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket 05-337; Petition of AT&T for Declaratory Ruling and Limited Waivers Regarding Access Charges and "ESP Exemption," WC Docket No. 08-152; and Establishing Just And Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 07-135

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Brett Whittington (Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer), Mike Rhoda (Senior VP Government Affairs), and I, all from Windstream, met on October 22, 2008 with Dana Shaffer, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and the members on her staff copied below, to discuss Windstream's significant concerns regarding the proposed intercarrier compensation reform order slated for a vote on November 4, 2008. The conversation was consistent with the position Windstream has taken previously in the above-referenced proceedings.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eric Einhorn

cc: Chief Dana Shaffer  
Don Stockdale  
Marcus Maher  
Randy Clarke