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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

RE: Intercarrier Compensation - CC Docket No. 96-45;
WCB Docket No. 06-122 and Special Access WC Docket No. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, BT hereby gives notice that on October 24, 2008, Ian Livingston (CEO of BT) met with Chairman Martin at the European Telecommunications Network Operators meeting in Venice and sent a thank you e-mail to Chairman Martin on October 27, 2008. In both the meeting and note, Ian Livingston reiterated the need for the FCC to address enterprise access pricing and expressed support for a numbers-based USF contribution regime or a numbers/connections-based regime. A copy of the e-mail is attached.

BT is clarifying in this Ex Parte that it would support a numbers/connection-based proposal only in the event the FCC decides not to progress a pure numbers-based proposal and that the version of the numbers/connections proposal it supports is the proposal put forth by AT&T and Verizon.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sheba Chacko
Head, Global Operational Regulation and
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Emailed Thank you Note

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From: Livingston,I,Ian,CGEC R
Sent: 27 October 2008 21:15
To: Kevin.Martin@fcc.gov
Subject:

Dear Kevin

I thoroughly enjoyed our discussion in Venice last Friday.

BT believes that it is in the interests of customers and of the economy for there to be effective competition and incentives to invest and innovate in residential and business markets. We compete in the latter market for larger and trans-national networks in the USA. We believe that we could engage further were there more effective regulation of wholesale or special access to the networks of the main two incumbents, along the lines of non-discriminatory prices, quality and terms enjoyed by our competitors in the UK under the regulated Openreach model and also under developing EU regulation.

We will, as you suggested, put together further information on real case studies into the Commission and comparative data from US/UK markets. This would supplement material we and others have previously filed. We believe there is a strong case at least for further discounting the levels currently available. We also touched on Universal Service Funding: we believe there is a good case for moving to a numbers or mixed numbers/connections base in the business market and will ensure our views are submitted.

Best wishes

IAN LIVINGSTON