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VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE MEETINGS
Telecommunications Relay Service and Speech-to Speech Services for
Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities
CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The undersigned had the following conversations and meetings:

1. December 17, 2008, spoke by telephone with Scott Deutchman, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps, and Nicholas Alexander, legal advisor to Commissioner McDowell;
2. December 18, 2008, met with Scott Deutchman, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps, and Scott Bergmann, legal advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; and
3. December 19, 2008, spoke by telephone with Nicholas Alexander, legal advisor to Commissioner McDowell.

During these telephone conversations and meetings, we discussed possible measures that would enable a consumer to choose a default Video Relay Service (VRS) provider other than the VRS provider that distributed the consumer's equipment without requiring the consumer to obtain new equipment from the selected default provider. We also discussed whether such measures should be temporary while the Commission, consumer groups, and the VRS industry continue to strive to achieve that result. In addition, we discussed the need for the Commission to publish consumer information about the imminent deadline for the provision of 10-digit numbers, the current impact of a consumer's choice of default provider on the continued use of the consumer's equipment, and the Commission's commitment to continue efforts to achieve functional equivalency.

Sincerely,

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