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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: Feature Group IP Petition for Forbearance From Section 251(g) of the Communications Act and Sections 51.701(b)(1) and 69.5(b) of the Commission's Rules; WC Docket No. 07-256; Petition of the Embarq Local Operating Companies for Forbearance from Enforcement of Section 69.5(a) of the Commission's Rules, Section 251(b) of the Communications Act and Commission Orders on the ESP Exemption; WC Docket No. 08-8.

Dear Ms Dortch:

Yesterday, January 7, 2009, John E. Benedict and I, on behalf of Embarq, met separately with Scott Deutchman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and Nicholas Alexander, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell. We discussed the two forbearance petitions in the respective dockets referenced above. Embarq reiterated its opposition to the Feature Group IP Petition and its support for the Embarq Petition, emphasizing that all voice traffic should be treated the same on the public switched telephone network (PSTN) irrespective of the technology used to originate or terminate the call. In addition, Embarq explained that Feature Group IP's petition does not appear to comply with the requirements of section 10 in that the relief requested would not apply to the carrier filing the petition. All of Embarq's other points were consistent with its prior filings in the above-referenced dockets, and the attached presentation was used in the discussion.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey S Lanning".

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Scott Deutchman
Nicholas Alexander