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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, we hereby provide notice that on February 26, 2009, Elisabeth H. Ross and Charles R. Eberle, representing the Vermont Public Service Board ("Vermont Board"), and Joel Shifman of the Maine Public Service Commission ("Maine Commission") met with Michele Ellison, Acting General Counsel, Joseph Palmore, Deputy General Counsel, and James Carr of the Office of General Counsel, and Jennifer McKee of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the Petition for a Writ of Mandamus filed in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, Case No. 09-9502. Board Member John Burke of the Vermont Board, Andy Hagler of the Maine Commission, and Tom Wilson, Alex Schmidt and Chris Petrie of the Wyoming Public Service Commission participated via teleconference.

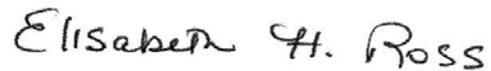
The participants discussed the FCC's response to the Mandamus Petition, including a timetable for the FCC to resolve the case on remand. The Vermont Board, Maine Commission and Wyoming Commission also discussed specific issues that needed to be resolved on remand including setting the level of the benchmark to achieve reasonable comparability, encouraging broadband deployment, fixing issues with the model, and the date on which the FCC would begin to issue high-cost support under a new mechanism. The Vermont Board expressed its concern that the FCC move forward expeditiously on remand because the case had been delayed so long.

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If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

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Handwritten signature of Elisabeth H. Ross in black ink.

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