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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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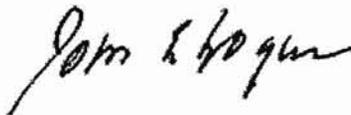
Re: WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 80-286
Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 19, 2009, Cheryl Parrino and the undersigned, on behalf of the Coalition for Equity in Switching Support ("Coalition"), met separately with Jennifer Schneider, Legal Advisor to Acting Chairman Copps; Mark Stone, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; and Nick Alexander, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, to discuss the urgent need to remedy the discrimination in calculating Local Switching Support for certain small rural incumbent local exchange carriers that the rule change adopted in the Commission's Report and Order released recently in CC Docket No. 80-286 will extend for another year.¹ We also emphasized that a diverse group, including the State members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, had submitted comments on the topic unanimously urging the Commission to grant the Coalition's request to end the discrimination that is harming small rural carriers.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record in the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



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The Coalition for Equity in Switching Support

cc: Nick Alexander
Jennifer Schneider
Mark Stone

¹ *Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board*, CC Docket No. 80-286, Report and Order, FCC 09-44 (rel. May 15, 2009).