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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notification: WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 7, 2009, on behalf of the Coalition for Equity in Switching Support (“Coalition”), Antoinette C. Bush and John M. Beahn of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Cheryl L. Parrino of the Parrino Strategic Consulting Group and Roger Nishi of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom met with FCC Chief of Staff Edward Lazarus and Priya Aiyar, Chairman Julius Genachowski’s Legal Advisor for Wireline Competition and International Issues.

During the meeting, Ms. Bush submitted that adoption of the revisions to the local switching support (“LSS”) regulations proposed in the *Notice* would not only enable the affected companies to continue to provide affordable and quality services, but also permit them to increase capital investment and their employee retention and hiring efforts. Mr. Nishi also provided examples of network upgrades that would facilitate the broader deployment of broadband services, which have been delayed because of the discriminatory LSS regulations. Ms. Parrino detailed the extensive record developed in this proceeding and the preceding rounds of comments on these issues that overwhelmingly supports the Commission’s tentative conclusions and the need for prompt Commission action. Finally, Mr. Beahn reiterated the Coalition’s position that the revised LSS regulations should apply to calendar years 2008, 2009, both of which are

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periods for which LSS support calculations have not been finalized, and to future years, pending the adoption of a comprehensive reform plan for universal service.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ John M. Beahn

John M. Beahn

cc: Edward Lazarus
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