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September 16, 2010

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, WC Docket No. 09-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 15, 2010, the undersigned outside counsel for Cricket Communications, Inc. (“Cricket”) met with Vickie Robinson, Nicholas Degani, and Divya Shenoy of the Wireline Competition Bureau. The meeting focused on Cricket’s pending petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline and Link Up services in New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and Cricket’s related petition for forbearance of otherwise applicable boundary-modification requirements.

During the meeting, Cricket urged the Commission to expedite its processing of those petitions, in light of timing issues created by boundary-modification requirements in other states. In addition, Cricket provided the following clarifications for the record:

- **Coverage of Tribal Lands**: Cricket is not seeking ETC designation covering tribal lands in any of the states for which Cricket has sought authority from the Commission.
- **Directory Assistance**: Cricket provides access to directory assistance service under each of its service plans. Access is free of charge for plans that include Unlimited Directory Assistance, or if the customer has added such access for an additional flat fee. Otherwise, a customer can make a directory assistance call at any time for \$1.00 if that customer has funds in his “flex bucket.”
- **Toll Limitation**: Each Cricket rate plan available to new customers includes unlimited long-distance calling. Moreover, many of the legacy rate plans

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available to “grandfathered” customers include unlimited long-distance calling. Other “grandfathered” customers can purchase unlimited long-distance for \$5.00 per month, or can make individual long-distance calls using funds in their “flex buckets.” If a customer’s plan does not include long-distance service and the customer has not otherwise purchased long-distance service, he will not be able to make a toll call. Customers may migrate to a new plan of their choosing at any time with no restrictions—and are encouraged to do so by Cricket.

- **Unlimited International Long Distance Option**: The *ex parte* letter filed by Cricket on April 20, 2010 detailed Cricket’s service plans and the available add-on options thereto. Two of those options offered “unlimited international long distance,” but at different price points. Cricket clarifies that these options offer the same service features; some time after introducing unlimited international long-distance calling at its initial rate, Cricket raised that rate for business reasons, but continued to serve “grandfathered” customers at the initial, lower rate.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew A. Brill

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