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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, WC Docket No. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 21, 2010, James Crowe, Chief Executive Officer, and John Ryan, Assistant Chief Legal Officer, of Level 3 Communications, Inc., along with the undersigned, met with Commissioner Meredith A. Baker and Charles Mathias to discuss special access issues.

We explained the importance of the special access market to Level 3 Communications, Inc. and its operating subsidiaries (jointly referred to as “Level 3”) and Level 3’s role as both a purchaser and a seller of special access services. We discussed the critical function that special access plays in the broadband wireless marketplace and how special access services are increasingly used to achieve the connection that is at the core of the broadband experience. We also discussed further ways to generate special access competition, especially where competition does not exist, including focusing on demand lock-up commitments used by the Bell operating companies (“BOCs”) to extract commitments from broadband and wireless providers as a means to retain those BOCs’ dominant market position.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ electronically signed

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