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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Portals
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Docket No. 80-286

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to 47 CFR 1.1206(b)(1), the Maine Public Advocate (MPA) files this written notice about an Ex Parte conference held with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Wednesday afternoon, October 6, 2010.

The MEPAO staff consisted of William Black, Deputy Public Advocate, and the MPA's consultant, Robert Loube of Rolka-Loube-Saltzer Associates. The FCC staff consisted of Lisa Gelb and two associates. Also, participating by telephone were several Separations Joint Board State Staff members, including Joel Shifman of the Maine Public Utilities Commission and Lori Kenyon of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission.

The OPA discussed matters related to separations reform including: (1) administrative difficulties; (2) relevancy for large price-cap carriers; (3) evaluation of exogenous changes that may affect large price-carrier SLC calculations; (4) relationship between separations, universal service and intercarrier compensation reform; and (5) impact of separations on current universal service mechanisms.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. A copy of this Notice will be filed in the Docket listed above.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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