

July 26, 2011

VIA ECFS

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; IP Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 22, 2011, the undersigned, on behalf of Cbeyond, Inc., Integra Telecom, Inc., and tw telecom inc. (collectively, the “Joint Commenters”) had a telephone conversation with Zac Katz, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Julius Genachowski. During the conversation, I reiterated the Joint Commenters’ view that, in establishing a new intercarrier compensation regime, the FCC should provide a sufficient glide path (e.g., five years) for lowering intrastate access charges to the level of interstate access charges such that competitive LECs and rural incumbent LECs can adjust their businesses to the new regime, and the FCC should classify facilities-based VoIP as a telecommunications service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 303-1111 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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