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VIA ECFS

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

**Re: Cricket Communications, Inc., Notice of Ex Parte Communication,
WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42, 03-109 & CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 8, 2011, Russell Merbeth of Cricket Communications, Inc. (“Cricket”) and I met with Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell, to discuss Cricket’s participation in the Lifeline program and its views on pending reform proposals. We discussed the attached presentation, which provides background information on Cricket and describes its practices and procedures to verify subscriber eligibility. We also discussed Cricket’s support for the Commission’s proposals to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline and Link Up programs. In addition, we urged the Commission to grant Cricket’s pending petitions for forbearance and for ETC designation in five states as soon as possible.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions about these issues.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew A. Brill

Matthew A. Brill
Counsel to Cricket Communications, Inc.

Attachment