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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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**Re: Ex Parte Notification in WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109 and CC Docket No. 96-45 Concerning Lifeline/Linkup Reform and Modernization**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 28, 2011, Nancy Victory and the undersigned, on behalf of the Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. ("PRT"), met with Kimberly Scardino, Deputy Division Chief, Garnet Hanly, Attorney-Advisor, of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, and Josh Gottheimer, Senior Counselor to Chairman Genachowski, regarding the above-captioned proceedings. PRT representatives explained that, based on the Commission's own statistics, more Americans without access to broadband live in Puerto Rico than in any other U.S. state or territory. We further explained that the high costs of serving an insular area combined with the exceedingly poor population on the island make deployment of broadband in Puerto Rico uneconomic. Finally, we discussed whether the broadband penetration rate in Puerto Rico could be improved by adoption programs modeled after the Lifeline/Linkup program.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas J. Navin

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cc: Kimberly Scardino  
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