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445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Re: IConnect Wholesale, Inc. d/b/a TeleCuba
Negotiations Status Report
IB Docket No. 10-95

Dear Ms. De La Torre:

IConnect Wholesale, Inc. d/b/a TeleCuba (“TeleCuba”), by its attorneys, hereby submits this status report on TeleCuba’s negotiations regarding the provision of communications services to Cuba.

On April 8, 2011, the International Bureau released a Memorandum Opinion and Order¹ granting TeleCuba a waiver of the benchmark rate applicable to Cuba under the Commission’s 1997 Benchmarks Order² for the purpose of reestablishing direct communications services with Cuba. In the Order, the Commission granted TeleCuba a three-year waiver of the benchmarks policy in order to pay the Cuban telecommunications carrier a \$0.84 settlement rate. One condition of this waiver was that TeleCuba must negotiate a written agreement for the provision of service to Cuba and that “TeleCuba must report to the International Bureau the status of its negotiations every 90 days after the effective date of [the] Order.”³

TeleCuba reports that it has prepared a proposal for the provision of communications services to Cuba pursuant to the terms of the Waiver Order, and it has submitted this proposal through the appropriate channels within the Cuban Government, and also through its Interests Section in Washington, D.C. TeleCuba maintains regular contact with the Cuban parties regarding its proposal, which is

¹ See *IConnect Wholesale, Inc., d/b/a/ TeleCuba, Petition for Waiver of the International Settlements Policy and Benchmark Rate for Facilities-Based Telecommunications Services with Cuba*, IB Docket No. 10-95, IBFS File No. ISP-WAV-20100412-00007, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 5217 (2011) (“Waiver Order”).

² *International Settlement Rates*, IB Docket No 96-261, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 19806 (1997).

³ Waiver Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5228 ¶ 31.



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intended to form the basis for future negotiation of a written agreement, as required under the Waiver Order.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this report.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennifer D. Hindin

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