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**VIA ECFS**

Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers -  
Data Requested in Special Access NPRM, WC Docket No. 05-  
25 and RM-10593***

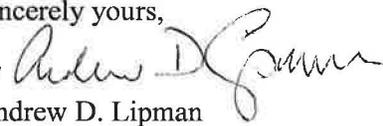
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 15, 2012, James Q. Crowe, Chief Executive Officer and John M. Ryan, Chief Legal Officer of Level 3 Communications, LLC (“Level 3”) and the undersigned of Bingham McCutchen LLP, counsel for Level 3, met with Chairman Julius Genachowski and Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to the Chairman to discuss Level 3’s recent proposal concerning special access, filed in its February 22, 2012 *ex parte* letter<sup>1</sup>, a copy of which is enclosed hereto.

Specifically, Mr. Crowe set forth a road map, along with the Company’s rationale, for the Commission to expeditiously address the exclusionary contracting practices, such as lock up agreements, that are currently under examination in the special access proceeding.

As required by Section 1.1206(b), this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

/s/   
Andrew D. Lipman

Enclosure

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski (via email)  
Michael Steffen (via email)

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Michael Mooney, General Counsel, Regulatory Policy, Level 3 Communications, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 05-25 and RM-10593 (filed Feb. 22, 2012).

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