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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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**Re: WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC
Docket No. 12-23, GN Docket No. 09-47, GN Docket No. 09-51, GN Docket
No. 09-137
Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 17, 2012, Sandra Torres, President of the Telecommunications Regulatory Board of Puerto Rico ("Board"), Gloria Escudero, Associate Member of the Board, Alexandra Fernández, Legal Advisor to the Board, Vicente Rios, Technical Advisor to the Board, Les Machado, DC Counsel for the Board and Douglas Meredith, Economic Advisor to the Board (collectively, "Board Representatives") met with Commission staff. The Board representatives met separately with Commissioner McDowell and Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell; with Genaro Fullano, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai; with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn; and with Chairman Genachowski, Michael Steffen, Wireline Legal Advisor to the Chairman, Kimberly Scardino, Garnet Hanly and Jonathan Lechter of the Wireline Competition Bureau Telecommunications Access Policy Division, and Pam Gallant and Karen Majcher of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC").

The Board representatives discussed recent activity in Puerto Rico in preparing the Puerto Rico Broadband Plan. This plan is a Puerto Rico specific sequel to the FCC's National Broadband Plan. The Puerto Rico plan was developed drawing on resources from various sectors of Puerto Rico, including carriers.

The Board representatives also discussed the Low Income (Lifeline) support efforts of the Board to identify possible duplication of eligibility for low income support. The Board reviewed its policies, including a long-standing policy to limit one unit of support to a household. In addition the Board reviewed the efforts to develop a Puerto Rico database to verify eligibility to the Lifeline program. The Board reviewed various reasons why a Puerto Rico specific database is needed: these reasons include the unique addresses used in Puerto Rico, the need to use two last names for identification in Puerto Rico, the need to have carrier interface that uses the Spanish language, and the need to use the full social

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security number for identification that interfaces with other government databases. The Puerto Rico database interface is operational and carriers are using the database to verify Lifeline program eligibility.

The Board also made available an electronic copy of the Puerto Rico Broadband Plan (attached).

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Douglas Meredith

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