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Ex Parte via Electronic Filing

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

Re: *In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology*, WC Dkt. No. 06-122; *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Dkt. No. 09-51.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 13, 2012, Adrienne Biddings, Telecom Policy Counsel and Dennis Holmes, Legal Intern of Google Inc. (“Google”), Emilie de Lozier, Legal Intern, and the undersigned of Lampert, O’Connor & Johnston, P.C., met separately with Priscilla Argeris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, and Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner Robert McDowell to discuss the above-captioned dockets.

In the meetings we discussed the written comments filed by Google in the above-referenced dockets.¹ We reiterated our support for the FCC’s re-examination of the USF contributions system and noted the breadth of stakeholder concerns regarding retention of the current revenues-based mechanism. We explained that in light of ballooning federal USF charges, the FCC’s goal should be to reduce the USF burden now imposed upon consumers and businesses and create a contributions mechanism that is fair, workable and future-proof. We explained that significant parties continue to work together to attain a consensus-based, technology-neutral, and forward-looking solution that will meet these goals. We noted that a wide cross-section of commenters have described numerous benefits that could flow from a connections-based system, including greater equity, reduced administrative burdens, and greater simplicity.

¹ See Comments of Google Inc., WC Dkt. 06-122, GN Dkt. 09-51 (filed July 9, 2012); Reply Comments of Google Inc., WC Dkt. 06-122, GN Dkt. 09-51 (filed Aug. 6, 2012).

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WC Dkt. 06-122, GN Dkt. 09-51

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets for inclusion in the public record. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Counsel for Google Inc.

cc: Priscilla Argeris
Christine Kurth