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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 12, 2012, Google Inc., (“Google”) represented by Johanna Shelton, Senior Policy Counsel, Adrienne Biddings, Telecom Policy Counsel and the undersigned, met separately with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Nicholas Degani, Legal Advisor, Wireline, to Commissioner Ajit Pai to discuss the above-referenced 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Lampert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donna N. Lampert
Counsel for Google Inc.

cc: Angela Kronenberg
Nicholas Degani