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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: *Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92.
Petition of AT&T Inc. for Interim Declaratory Ruling and Limited Waivers,
WC Docket No. 08-152.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Embarq, David Bartlett, Jeff Lanning, and I met yesterday with Randy Clarke and Al Lewis of the Federal Communications Commission.

Embarq emphasized the importance of switched access revenues to support universal service and investment in rural America. It reiterated its support for the Missoula Plan for inter-carrier compensation. Embarq also discussed potential means to reduce regulatory arbitrage and access evasion until comprehensive reform is completed.

Embarq also discussed AT&T's recent petition for waiver of certain of the Commission's price cap rules. Embarq agreed with AT&T that the Commission should take steps to reduce regulatory arbitrage, and with the petition's observation that a one-size-fits-all approach to inter-carrier compensation issues is inappropriate. Embarq explained, however, that AT&T's approach would be unsuitable for rural incumbent local exchange carriers.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

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