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August 16, 2004

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

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, Developing a Unified  
Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, the Intercarrier Compensation Forum ("ICF") submits this letter to report that, on August 13, 2004, Gary M. Epstein and Richard R. Cameron of Latham & Watkins, counsel for the ICF, together with the following representatives of ICF member companies:

- AT&T – Joel Lubin
- General Communication, Inc. – Tina Pidgeon
- Level 3 Communications, LLC – Bill Hunt
- John Nakahata (on behalf of GCI and Level 3)
- Global Crossing North America Inc. – Paul Kouroupas
- MCI, Inc. – Rick Whitt, Alan Buzzacott
- SBC Communications Inc. – Dorothy Attwood, David Hostetter, Eric Einhorn
- Sprint Corporation – Jeff Lindsey
- Valor Telecommunications LLC – Lisa Stubblefield

met with Chairman Michael K. Powell, Chairman's Powell's Senior Legal Advisor, Christopher Libertelli, and Chief of Staff Bryan Tramont, and, in a separate meeting, with Jeffrey Carlisle, Jane Jackson, Robert Tanner, Margaret Dailey, Vickie Robinson, Rodger Woock, Tamara Preiss, Jay Atkinson, Anthony Dale, and Ted Burmeister of the Wireline Competition Bureau, as well as Christopher Killion of the Office of General Counsel.

At the meeting, the ICF discussed the year-long effort of the ICF to develop a comprehensive consensus proposal for reform of intercarrier compensation and universal service. The ICF's Plan will advance consumer interests, facilitate efficient competition, promote the deployment of new technologies and enhance universal service.

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The ICF presented an overview of its Plan using the material attached to this letter. More specifically, the material consists of:

1. A Cover Letter from ICF member companies expressing support for the Plan and urging the Commission to adopt the Plan as a whole to be implemented by July 1, 2005;
2. An Executive Summary of the ICF Plan;
3. A PowerPoint presentation setting forth the details of the Plan;
4. Diagrams illustrating typical interconnection arrangements in today's environment, showing that the present system is "broken" and harms consumers and the economy;
5. Diagrams illustrating interconnection arrangements under the ICF Plan;
6. A one-page summary of the key events in the ICF Plan; and
7. A shorter summary PowerPoint presentation used in the meeting with Chairman Powell, Christopher Libertelli, and Bryan Tramont.

The ICF indicated in the meeting that it would shortly file a substantial narrative containing the detailed ICF Plan.

If you have any questions concerning these meetings or this *ex parte* notice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
Christopher Libertelli  
Bryan Tramont  
Christopher Killion  
Jeffrey Carlisle  
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