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Ex Parte Notice

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

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 13, 2013, I met with the following members of the Commission's staff: Michael Steffen, Trent Harkrader, Kim Scardino, Lisa Hone, Mark Nadel, Soumitra Das, James Bachtell, Chas Eberle, Katori Brown, John Chambers, Michael Byrne, and Anne Levine. Accompanying me at that meeting were Orin Heend, our firm's outside counsel, and Donna Balaguer, a principal at Fish & Richardson.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue our discussion about Funds For Learning's proposal to address the E-rate funding crisis. This is the same proposal that Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent, Alberto Carvalo, and I have filed and discussed in this docket previously. See, for example:

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7022127287> (March 4, 2013)

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=6017443271> (May 23, 2013)

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7022416913> (May 23, 2013)

Last Friday, I filed an updated version of it. This one includes some different and more current data:

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7022426143> (June 14, 2013)

During this meeting, we continued to urge the Commission to adopt the recommendation of USAC's 2003 Task Force on the Prevention of Waste, Fraud and Abuse, which was to place a sensible limit on how much E-rate funding applicants may apply for annually. We also responded to a wide range of questions related to our proposal and, more specifically, whether and how it would help to effectuate the President's ConnectEd initiative.

Sincerely,

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