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Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling
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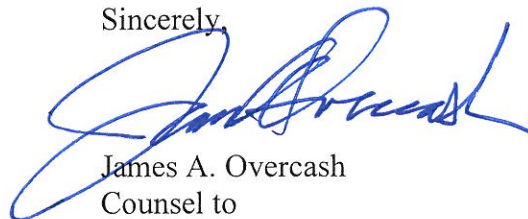
Re: Case 09-M-0527
Proceeding to Examine Issues Related to a Universal Service Fund

Dear Secretary Brillling:

On behalf of the NYSTA Smaller ILECs as noted in the attached, and pursuant to the Notice Suspending Briefing Schedule and Establishing Schedule for Statements in Support of or Opposition to Phase II Joint Proposal, issued May 9, 2012 in the above-referenced proceeding, attached for filing is the "Reply of the NYSTA Smaller ILECs to Statements Filed Regarding the Phase II *Joint Proposal/Settlement*."

Please direct any inquiries concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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the NYSTA Smaller ILECs

cc: All parties of record (via email)