August 14, 2002

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


Dear Ms. Dortch:

Philip Verveer and I, on behalf of j2 Global Communications, Inc. ("j2 Global"), met with Cheryl Callahan, Jennifer Gorny, and Pam Slipakoff, of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Jennifer Salhus, of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. We discussed j2 Global’s petition for reconsideration of the Third Report and Order in the above-captioned docket and j2 Global’s comments in response to the application by the Connecticut Department Of Public Utility Control to adopt a technology-specific overlay.

We explained that unified messaging services offered by j2 Global are geographically sensitive, and thus not suitable for a technology-specific overlay. We further explained that technology-specific overlays would disproportionately affect independent service providers who offer unified messaging services in competition with incumbent local exchange carriers. In light of the declining threat of NANC exhaust, and the minimal benefits of including unified messaging in a technology specific area code overlay, we explained that the Commission should reconsider its decision to lift the blanket restriction on technology specific overlays, at least with respect to unified messaging services.
In accordance with the Commission's rules, I am submitting two copies of this letter.

Sincerely,

David M. Don

cc: Cheryl Callahan
    Jennifer Gorny
    Pam Slipakoff
    Jennifer Salhus