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d/b/a EarthLink Business
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Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

Enclosed for filing, please find the Initial Base Document for FCC Tariff No. 8 (Interstate and International 45-Day), submitted on behalf of Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business. This filing is made pursuant to Title 47, Section 61.16 and contains no substantive changes to the tariff in effect and presently on file with the Commission as of the date of this filing.

This filing has been filed electronically today via the ETFS system.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3001 or via email to tforte@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas M. Forte

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