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Re: Docket No. 070408-TP; Neutral Tandem's Request for Deferral of Item No. 6 on the  
May 20, 2008 Agenda

Dear Chairman Carter:

Neutral Tandem has filed a request to defer the Commission's consideration of the Staff recommendation addressing Level 3's Motion for Interim Compensation that is scheduled as Item No. 6 for the May 20, 2008 agenda conference. Level 3 wishes to express its strong objection to any deferral of this matter. Neutral Tandem's consistent practice in this proceeding when faced with an adverse Staff Recommendation has been to employ procedural tactics (deferral, withdrawal and refiling of same petition) to avoid an adverse decision. Level 3 requests that the Chairman put an end to these tactics.

Level 3 has been terminating Neutral Tandem's transit traffic without compensation for well over a year, dating back to the termination of the contract between the parties in March 2007. Neutral Tandem should no longer be allowed to escape its compensation obligation through a request for a deferral.

No party has requested oral argument requiring the presence of counsel regarding Level 3's Motion for Interim Compensation. Nor is the Staff Recommendation noticed for oral argument. Neutral Tandem's request to postpone this matter because "counsel has a schedule conflict" is not credible since Neutral Tandem is represented by three large law firms.

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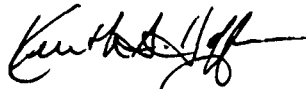
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Level 3 urges the Chairman to deny Neutral Tandem's request for postponement and to move forward with the consideration of the Staff Recommendation on Level 3's Motion for Interim Compensation on May 20, 2008, as scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,



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