

February 5, 2018

**Ex Parte**

Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re:* MB Docket Nos. 16-306 and 15-146, GN Docket No. 12-268

Dear Ms. Dortch:

A core goal of the Commission's Incentive Auction and repacking process is to protect broadcast licensees while ensuring a spectrally efficient post-auction band plan. To that end, Microsoft recommends that the Commission provide the following guidance to broadcasters participating in the Special Displacement Window for low-power television ("LPTV") and translator stations:

Given the public interest in promoting the efficient use of spectrum, the Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau encourage LPTV and TV translator licensees operating outside of the largest 25 DMAs to select new channels for displaced stations that are adjacent to channels in use by other broadcast television stations. This will preserve spectrum for future uses and allow for maximum flexibility for all stations on a going forward basis.

This guidance will assist in improving the overall utility of the band for broadband consumers, without adversely impacting broadcast licensees.

Sincerely,



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