



March 11, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte*  
Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band  
WT Docket No. 18-120**

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, I hereby provide notice of the following oral *ex parte* meetings in connection with the above-captioned proceedings regarding the Educational Broadband Service (EBS). We met with the following individuals on the days indicated:

Wednesday March 6: Chairman Pai and Rachael Bender

Thursday March 7: Eric McGrath in Commissioner O'Rielly's office  
Will Adams in Commissioner Carr's office  
Bill Davenport in Commissioner Starks' office

Friday March 8: Blaise Scinto, John Schauble, Jonathan Campbell, Nancy Zaczek, Nadia Sodos-Wallace, and Christian Segura in the Wireless Competition Bureau.  
Umair Javed and Travis Litman in Commissioner Rosenworcel's office.

Our meetings included Gavin Leach and Eric Smith (Northern Michigan University), Mariel Triggs, (MuralNet), Mitch Koep (A Better Wireless), Katherine Messier (Mobile Beacon and the North American Catholic Educational Programming Foundation, Inc. (NACEPF)), John Schwartz (Voqal), and Stephanie Weiner (Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP, on behalf of NACEPF and Voqal) and the undersigned.

In our meetings, we emphasized the importance of preserving the educational history of the EBS band and retaining the preference for educational institutions and Tribal Nations in awarding EBS licenses. We pointed out that several educational and Tribal institutions are currently deploying wireless broadband using the EBS spectrum, which demonstrates that the technology is available and affordable if they have access to the spectrum. We also noted that licenses for several other frequency bands are scheduled to be auctioned in the near future, and that allowing educational and Tribal entities to obtain EBS licenses would complement the auctions in those other bands. We expressed support for public-private partnerships that would allow schools and Tribal entities to partner with commercial providers, such as WISPs, to deploy service in rural markets. We

expressed doubt that the large commercial carriers, who are most likely to submit the highest bids if these licenses are auctioned, would deploy service in these rural markets because many of them already hold spectrum in these markets but have chosen not to provide service. Schools, colleges and Tribal institutions will have more of an incentive to serve these markets because they live and work in these markets and have a mission of serving their local communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Windhausen, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "Jr." at the end.

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