

March 21, 2019

**Ex Parte**

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

*Re:* ET Docket No. 16-56, ET Docket No. 14-165, MB Docket No. 15-146, RM-11745,  
GN Docket No. 12-268

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 21, 2019, I spoke with Julius Knapp, Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology, by telephone. We discussed a letter that the National Association of Broadcasters (“NAB”) filed today.<sup>1</sup> Through this letter, NAB supports the FCC issuing a Further Notice of Public Rulemaking (“FNPRM”) to address four of the rule changes proposed in Microsoft’s *ex parte* filing dated October 2, 2018.<sup>2</sup>

I noted Microsoft’s appreciation of NAB’s support for the four rule changes proposed by Microsoft. I also renewed Microsoft’s request that the FCC issue an FNPRM proposing the full set of improvements to the FCC’s rules contained in our October 2 *ex parte*. These changes would strengthen rural ISPs’ ability to expand broadband in underserved and unserved communities.

Pursuant to the FCC’s rules, I have filed a copy of this notice electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Paul Margie  
*Counsel to Microsoft Corporation*

cc: meeting participants

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Patrick McFadden, Associate General Counsel, National Association of Broadcasters, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, ET Docket Nos. 16-56, 14-165 (filed March 21, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Paula Boyd & Michael Daum, Microsoft Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, ET Docket No. 14-165, GN Docket No. 12-268 (filed Oct. 2, 2018).