



June 26, 2018

**VIA E-FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 18-301 – Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter (original and one copy) is submitted in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1206 and 1.1200(a). The purpose is to disclose a brief conversation that occurred between Joseph Franell, General Manager and CEO of Eastern Oregon Telecom (EOT) and Chairman Ajit Pai and Mr. Jay A. Schwarz, Wireline Bureau Advisor concerning equipment that EOT and others have acquired from Huawei. A request was made to consider the negative effects that a total ban on Huawei equipment might have on deployment of rural broadband. EOT suggested that there may be ways to protect national security interests while allowing rural providers to continue to use and purchase Huawei equipment to provide rural broadband. No specific alternatives were discussed.

The conversation occurred on June 23, 2018, during the course of a meeting at the EOT offices discussing rural broadband issues in a broader context. Also present were representatives of Eastern Oregon Net, Inc.; Gorge Networks; Hunter Communications; Windwave Communications; Eagle Telephone, and Gilliam County, Oregon.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Joseph Franell  
General Manager and CEO

cc: Chairman Ajit Pai (via e-mail)  
Mr. Jay A. Schwarz (via e-mail)

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