

July 18, 2019

**Ex Parte**

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

*Re: Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules for Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands, Repurposed 600 MHz Band, 600 MHz Guard Bands and Duplex Gap, and Channel 37, ET Docket No. 14-165 and RM-11840;*

*Promoting Spectrum Access for Wireless Microphone Operations, GN Docket No. 14-166.*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On July 16, 2019, Michael Daum, Paula Boyd, and Paul Garnett of Microsoft Corporation<sup>\*</sup>; Paul Caritj of Harris, Wiltshire and Grannis LLP; Henry Wendel of Cooley LLP<sup>\*</sup>; and I met with Ira Keltz, Hugh Van Tuyl, and Paul Murray, of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology. We discussed Microsoft's petition for rulemaking which proposes improvements to the Commission's White Spaces rules. While narrow, these proposals would significantly improve the rules' ability to support rural broadband connectivity. We highlighted the record's strong support for proceeding expeditiously with a notice of proposed rulemaking on the topics covered in Microsoft's petition. We also reiterated the arguments raised in our comments in the Commission's wireless microphone proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

Sincerely,



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*Counsel to Microsoft Corporation*

cc: meeting participants

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<sup>\*</sup> Participated telephonically.

<sup>1</sup> See Comments of Microsoft Corporation, GN Docket No. 14-166 (filed October 2, 2017).