



September 5, 2017

Mr. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication: Docket No. 10-90

Ms. Dortch:

The undersigned file the attached whitepaper, "Satellite Broadband Remains Inferior to Wireline Broadband," as an ex parte communication in the above-captioned dockets. The paper, researched and prepared by Vantage Point Solutions, was underwritten by Great Plains Communications and Consolidated Companies to further public policy discussion on the capabilities of satellite-based broadband as compared to wireline broadband.

As the paper demonstrates, both current and planned satellite broadband falls short of wireline broadband in most key performance standards. The sponsoring companies underwrote this paper, which follows a November 2013 analysis on satellite performed by Vantage Point Solutions, to provide factual, data-driven documentation on the advantages and disadvantages of satellite broadband. Among the primary purposes of the paper is to provide policy makers with a summary of the capabilities of satellite broadband currently and a realistic forecast of its future capabilities.

The undersigned parties look forward to having further dialogue with the Federal Communications Commission on these important issues as it continues its deliberations on the role of satellite versus wireline-based broadband for universal service funding purposes. This letter is being filed as required by Commission rules.

Sincerely,

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