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Ex Parte

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

**Re: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication in the following dockets:
Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band, WT Docket No. 18-120; Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 GHz to 4.2 GHz Band, WT Docket No. 18-122; Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band ET Docket No. 18-295; and Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz GN Docket No. 17-183**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 17, 2019, Midco employees met with Chairman Ajit Pai; his Special Counsel Preston Wise; Jordan Cardenas, staff for Senator John Thune; Rebecca Herman, staff for Senator Mike Rounds; and Reid Rasmussen, staff for Representative Dusty Johnson. We shared the enclosed presentation, and discussed our plans for deploying fixed wireless broadband in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, including with recently awarded Connect America Fund Phase II funds.

Midco discussed our fixed wireless engineering, and test results from our 3.5 GHz experimental license at our Thompson, ND testing site. We also discussed the difference that access to the 2.5 GHz band would have on our network using our Thompson, ND testing site.

Midco also shared initial testing results on our experimental C Band license in Mitchell, SD. We discussed our support for repurposing the band to accommodate both cable operators and fixed wireless operators.

Lastly, Midco shared how the 6 GHz could help operators close the Digital Divide. The 850 MHz available in the U-NII-5 and U-NI-7 bands would provide a substantial increase in available spectrum, especially in rural America where there are few incumbents. In order to use the U-NII-5 and U-NII-7 bands, however, the proposed deployment access height of 30 meters

needs to be eliminated or increased to a minimum of a 90-meter deployment height. We also explained the need for an increased power limitation for U-NII-5 and U-NII-7 client devices. To protect incumbents in the band, Midco agrees that those higher-powered client devices should be controlled by the Automated Frequency Coordination system.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I have filed a copy of this notice electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please address any questions regarding the foregoing to me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Preston Wise