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Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Re: Measuring Broadband American Program (Fixed Collaborative), GN Docket No. 12-264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met with FCC via teleconference/WebEx on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 11 AM (EST) to discuss the progress in the downloading of measurement data for the fixed-line Measure Broadband America program during the current validation period (month of September).¹

Mr. Walter Johnston, Chief, EMCD/OET, explained that the main aim of this meeting was to inform everyone that the measurements of MBA data for the validation period (i.e., Sept. 1 to Sept. 30) was proceeding smoothly. Mr. Johnston stated that both the FCC and SamKnows were not aware of any problems in the MBA measurements and asked the participants if they had any specific concerns or issues that they would like to bring up at this meeting.

Michael K. Bugenhagen (CenturyLink) pointed out that the introduction of IOS 8.0 by Apple could possibly cause an unusually large surge in traffic to certain sites due to users trying to download the new app. In response Mr. Johnston explained that the FCC and SamKnows have

¹ A list of attendees and presentation materials are attached to this filing in GN Docket No. 12-264.

not noticed any unusual surge in traffic so far but will do a post analysis to check for anything unusual in the data that is being collected. In case a higher level of traffic is observed that causes unusual congestion, the validation period can be shifted. Under such a scenario the FCC would inform all the carriers about the need to change the validation period.

Jim Warner (UCSC) asked Mr. Johnston if the FCC had cataloged all the state utilities performing broadband testing. Mr. Johnston answered that he was aware that many states had started work on broadband measurements as a result of the federally funded BTOP (Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program) a few years back, many of them had stopped work as the BTOP funding dried up. The FCC is aware of a few state public utilities such as California and Hawaii having an active broadband measurement program. The FCC will work with NTIA to get more information about any other states that may be conducting broadband measurements.

In response to a question about the upcoming milestones and timetable for the fixed MBA program, Mr. Johnston explained that once all the measurement data is collected for the September validation period, an analysis will be made of this data to check for any anomalies. If no anomalies are found statistical analyses of the data will be conducted from mid-October to mid-November. The FCC aims at completing the report by February.

Mr. Johnston concluded by thanking all the members for their participation and mentioned that the FCC plans to meet regularly to apprise the collaborative of their ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,

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