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

Re: **Ex Parte Notice - PS Docket No. 14-174 / GN Docket No. 13-5**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 21, 2015, Leo Cloutier, Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy and Business Development for Bright House Networks and I met with Lauren Kravetz, Jerry Stanshine, Chuck Needy, and Linda Pintro of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau regarding the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking for "Ensuring Customer Premises Equipment Backup Power for Continuity of Communications".

During the meeting, we discussed matters raised in the reply comments submitted by Bright House Networks. In particular, with regard to the lack of consumer interest in backup batteries for eMTAs, we noted that only a negligible number of Bright House Networks customers request a backup battery for landline VoIP services due to (1) the pervasive use of cordless phones in the home, where a backup battery is of no use unless the phone itself also has a separate backup battery source, and (2) consumer reliance on mobile phones during power outages. We also noted the numerous retail options available to consumers like UPS, portable power packs, solar, and manual cranks that power multiple devices during an outage and offer a more compelling and flexible solution to consumers at comparable prices.

For those reasons, we believe consumers should have the option to purchase a backup battery from their service provider and not be compelled to purchase a backup battery, which is of limited to no value for the vast majority of Bright House Networks' customers.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Wilson

cc: Lauren Kravetz,
Jerry Stanshine
Chuck Needy
Linda Pintro