



NOTICE OF EX PARTE

June 1, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

RE: Open Internet Docket No. 14-28, Spectrum Incentive Auctions Docket No. 12-268 and the Homework Gap WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the request of the Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership (HTTP) Martin Chavez, Senior Advisor to HTTP and Rosa Mendoza, Executive Director of HTTP met on Thursday, May 28, 2015 with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Senior Legal Advisor. A variety of issues were discussed, including the FCC's Open Internet Order, upcoming spectrum incentive auctions policies for fostering participation of minority-owned business in future auctions, the "Homework Gap" and the need to ensure that all Latinos can fully benefit from all the benefits of the Internet.

HTTP urged the Commission to put at the forefront smart broadband policies that promote Latino adoption, access and engagement and not continuing to regulate with outdated policies.

HTTP mentioned that spectrum used to its fullest potential is crucially important to delivering important services that all Americans rely on and is especially important in meeting the growing demand for mobile services. HTTP also urged the Commission to ensure a fair honest and competitive bidding process in the upcoming spectrum auction.

HTTP advocated on behalf of Designated Entities (DEs), promoting the idea that the Commission should continue to foster their participation and mentioned the importance of increased participation from minority-

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owned businesses. HTTP clearly articulated opposition to multi-billion dollar companies getting multi-billion dollar, taxpayer funded discounts on spectrum by attempting to appear to be small DEs and that HTTP is opposed to further set-asides in the upcoming auction. The discussion additionally focused on how the DE program needs to be overhauled in order to successfully ensure the participation of minority-owned businesses and to avoid abuse. HTTP expressed concerns about set-asides of blocks of spectrum for multi-billion companies such as T-Mobile and Sprint, especially when Sprint opted to not participate in previous auctions. HTTP also mentioned that these companies have spectrum that they are not fully utilizing and have more than the necessary financial means to purchase spectrum in a fair and open auction.

Since Latinos are the largest growing population in rural America, HTTP expressed specific concerns about set-asides, such as those in the upcoming incentive auctions, without build out requirements for rural broadband.

HTTP commended the Commissioner for her work on the Homework Gap and pointed out that Latinos continue to be at a disadvantage when it comes to broadband adoption and access, especially given the fact that smartphones are the only method of broadband access for many Latinos. HTTP noted that it is important to recognize that comprehensive solutions to the lack of broadband access requires collaboration from the federal down to the state a local levels; only then will Latinos, especially young Latino students, be able to take full advantage of all that the digital age has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

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