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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 America Program (Fixed Collaborative), GN Docket No. 12-264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 19, 2015, representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met in person and via conference call with Commission staff to discuss schedules and milestones of the fixed Measuring Broadband America (MBA) efforts.¹

Mr. Walter Johnston, Chief Electromagnetic Compatibility Division (EMCD), James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor, and Rajender Razdan welcomed collaborative members to this meeting. The key topics discussed in this meeting were (a) status on the 2015 MBA wireline report, (b) update on the special study project WTF (Where's the fault) and (c) progress on the video streaming project.

Mr. Johnston was pleased to announce that the drafting of the 2015 MBA report was nearing completion and that the expectation was for the report to be ready by the end of July. Mr. Johnston stated that this year's report would have a number of additional plots compared to previous years. One of the key changes is to include new charts that simplify for readers the consistency of speed metrics, first proposed by researchers of the North Carolina State University's Institute for Advanced Analytics. The report also includes new presentations of data binning performance results in easy to understand categories. He discussed the inclusion of new regional and state trends of performance as another key addition to the 2015 MBA report, following up on recommendations by IAA researchers to use aggregations across ISPs for state and regional technology performance. Mr. Johnston also mentioned that the FCC has now collected five years of MBA performance data and that it was now possible to assess the progress in broadband speeds and experience over these years. The 2015 MBA report includes 5-year

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

progress charts on many key broadband measurements across the US.

Rajender Razdan introduced Srikanth Sundaresan, International Computer Science Institute at Stanford University, to discuss the results of Professor Nick Feamster, Princeton University and his work on the WTF special study project, started in 2013. Participants discussed interest in how data would be presented and when a report would be available based on the study's data.

Mr. Johnston introduced Alex Salter, CEO SamKnows Ltd. to discuss ongoing development plans for measuring streaming video service's broadband performance. Mr. Salter discussed that the ongoing work was making good progress and encouraged participants to offer feedback on how the study could be expanded to include other video providers.

Mr. Miller thanked all the participants for their active participation in these meetings and encouraged participants to look for an invitation to an upcoming meeting via the collaborative distribution list in the coming weeks. Mr. Johnston thanked participants for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Miller

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