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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 November 30, 2015, representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met via conference call with Commission staff to discuss ongoing analysis of data collection measurements for the fixed Measuring Broadband America (MBA) program.¹

Mr. Walter Johnston, Chief Electromagnetic Compatibility Division (EMCD) welcomed collaborative members and brought to the attention of the collaborative that the FCC was still in the process of determining what dates to include and what dates to exclude within the September-October time period in order to make up the 1 month validation period for the 2016 MBA Report. There was an individual outage issue that had been raised by one carrier regarding

¹ A list of attendees is attached to this filing in GN Docket No. 12-264.

a poorer performance of their network during specific days of the September-October time period. The FCC, with the help of SamKnows, was checking to see if this outage was due to any measurement infrastructure faults, in which case those specific dates would have to be excluded. It was expected that this would be resolved within a week and that by the next meeting the FCC should be able to give a specific set of dates for data validation.

A question was once again raised about whether M-Lab had finished writing their report to explain the cause of the observed anomalies at the 100 Mbps tiers. Mr. Johnston pointed out that M-Lab had been very cooperative with the FCC in trying to resolve the problem with the 100 Mbit tiers on their servers and that M-Lab was under no specific obligation to provide an immediate report on the cause of the problem, which had been resolved. Mr. Colin Anderson, M-Lab, stated that the explanation would be published as a blog post on the M-Lab website, but that he wasn't sure when exactly this would happen.

With regard to the letter to be sent out to the affected participants in the 100 Mbit tiers, an updated draft would be circulated to the collaborative. Comments would be accepted till Friday (4th December, 2015) after which the final version would be sent out.

Responding to question regarding the 2015 MBA report, Mr. Johnston stated that the recalculation of results required by the measurement discrepancies had been completed and the report was currently under review by the Chairman's office. Mr. Johnston concluded by thanking all the attendees for their active participation and informed that the next meeting would be held in about two weeks.

Sincerely,

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