

February 19, 2016

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

Re: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 12, 2016, Joshua Breitbart, representing the City of New York (“the City”) met with Owen Kendler, Office of General Counsel, to update him on the status of franchise negotiations with cable providers and City efforts to convert payphones on public property to payphone and wi-fi facilities.

The City explained local mechanisms for protecting the public interest in franchise negotiations, and urged the FCC to work to create a low-cost program providing high-speed services at low cost with broad eligibility parameters, and to provide meaningful and stable support for public interest, educational and government providers. More specifically, many of the City’s positions are addressed in the conditions imposed by the NYS PSC, but there are other places where it remains in doubt whether the transaction will benefit the public interest for the residents of New York City. Therefore, the City urged the Commission that Charter be required to invest in their network sufficient to maintain a state of the art system, and that it look to impose enforceable throttling testing requirements.

Sincerely,

Max Sevilla
Director of External Affairs
New York City, Office of the Counsel to the Mayor

cc: Owen Kendler