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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation in ET Docket No. 96-102; RM-8648; RM-8653***

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday, 30 September 1999, undersigned counsel and Bruce Mehlman of Cisco Systems, Inc. met with FCC Chief of Staff Kathryn Brown on the above-captioned matters.

In August 1998, Clarity Wireless, Inc. (now Cisco Systems) filed a petition for reconsideration which sought to remove limits on antenna gain for point-to-point U-NII links in the 5 GHz band. These limits were established at the request of the NTIA to protect such links from interference caused by Department of Defense ("DoD") radars in the same band.

We told Ms. Brown that the technology that Cisco Systems proposes to deploy is sufficiently robust that it would not suffer interference from DoD radars. Moreover, we indicated that the NTIA and DoD had agreed with this view and were prepared to support the deployment of the technology developed by Cisco Systems without the antenna gain limitation. The only remaining issue between the NTIA and the FCC appears to be how that limitation should be removed. Since the Cisco Systems' technology could provide high-speed Internet access in rural areas at reasonable cost, we suggested that the Commission act to permit the deployment of this technology at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Kathryn Brown

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