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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over
Cable and Other Facilities, GN Docket No. 00-185; Appropriate
Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access to the Internet
Over Cable Facilities, CS Docket No. 02-52

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 26, 2002, Microsoft's Senior Vice President for Advanced Strategies and Policy, Craig Mundie, Tren Griffin, Pierre De Vries, Marc Berejka (all of Microsoft), and I met with Commissioner Abernathy, Commissioner Martin, and Dan Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. We discussed the convergence and future of computing and communications technologies. In the course of those discussions, the Microsoft participants touched on points laid out by the High Tech Broadband Coalition in its June 17, 2002 filing, specifically that (1) the history of the Internet has been characterized by the ability of consumers to reach an unprecedented array of content, services, and applications, accessible through an ever-increasing diversity of products, and (2) the Commission should not require cable operators to offer access to multiple ISPs but should remain mindful of the importance of assuring consumers continue to enjoy that ability in the broadband future.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,


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