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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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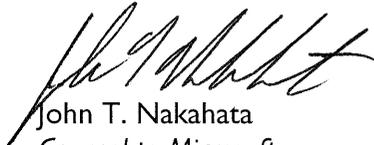
Re: Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over  
Cable and Other Facilities, GN Docket No. 00-185; Appropriate Regulatory  
Treatment for Broadband Access to the Internet  
Over Cable Facilities, CS Docket No. 02-52; Appropriate Framework for Broadband  
Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, CC Docket No. 02-33; Computer III  
Further Remand Proceedings, CC Dockets Nos. 95-20, 98-10.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 2, Pierre De Vries and Marc Berejka (both of Microsoft), and Scott Blake Harris (representing Microsoft) met separately with Bryan Tramont, Senior Legal Adviser to Commissioner Abernathy, and Robert Pepper, Chief, Office of Plans and Policy. They 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 (“Coalition”) in its June 17, 2002 filing in CS Docket No. 02-52, and the July 1, 2002 Reply Comments filed by the Coalition in CC Dockets Nos. 02-33, 95-20 & 98-10, 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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