

8 December 2004

Ex Parte

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

Re: Unlicensed Operation in TV Broadcast Bands, ET Docket No. 04-186; Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15; In the Matter of IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36. Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review - Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket 92-237; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 7 December 2004, Craig Mundie and Paula Boyd of Microsoft Corporation, and undersigned counsel, met with Commissioner Martin and Sam Feder. During this meeting, they discussed issues related to the DTV transition, the unlicensed use of the television bands, protection of digital content, and universal service fund issues.

Specifically, Mr. Mundie urged the Commission to act promptly to make vacant television channels available for the use of unlicensed devices and to take action to speed the DTV transition. He also suggested that it was important for the Commission to set a firm date by which the DTV transition would be completed. In addition, Mr. Mundie said that universal service mechanisms need to be reformed and that, in doing so, it would make sense to move to a connections based approach. Finally, he noted that most IP services are not and should not be classified as Title II services, and that most such services should remain unregulated.

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In accordance with FCC rules, we ask that a copy of this letter be filed in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SCOTT HARRIS". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Scott Blake Harris
Counsel to Microsoft Corporation

cc: meeting participants